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## HOUSE JOURNAL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1915.

The House of Delegates was called to order by EDWIN P. Cox, Speaker, at 12 o'clock noon.

Prayer by Rev. J. Y. Fair, D. D., of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,  
RICHMOND, January 13, 1915.

*To the Honorable the Clerk of the House of Delegates:*

SIR:

I transmit herewith a copy of the proclamation by the Governor, calling a special session of the General Assembly to convene at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of January, 1915.

Very respectfully,

B. O. JAMES,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## A PROCLAMATION.

In obedience to a call upon the Governor, with the signature of two-thirds of the total membership of each house of the General Assembly attached thereto, making application, in accordance with section 73 of the Constitution of Virginia, for an extra session of the General Assembly, to convene at Richmond not later than the second Wednesday in January, 1915, for the purpose of revising the tax laws of the Commonwealth—

I, H. C. Stuart, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in pursuance of the Constitution and laws, do hereby summon the members of the Senate and House of Delegates, constituting the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, to meet in extra session, at their respective chambers, in the Capitol, at Richmond, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of January, 1915.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, at Richmond, this the eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and of the Commonwealth one hundred and thirty-ninth.

(SEAL)

H. C. STUART,  
*Governor.*

By the Governor:

B. O. JAMES,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

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The following communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH,  
RICHMOND, January 13, 1915.

*To the Honorable the Clerk of the House of Delegates:*

SIR:

As required by law, I herewith respectfully transmit the following names of members-elect of the House of Delegates, who have been elected to fill vacancies in that body:

Edward R. Fuller for the city of Richmond, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of D. L. Toney.

Joel Crawford for the counties of Sussex and Greenville, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of R. B. Hartley.

Very respectfully,

B. O. JAMES,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

EDWARD R. FULLER, delegate-elect from the city of Richmond, and JOEL CRAWFORD, delegate-elect from the counties of Sussex and Greenville, were sworn in by the Clerk, each taking and subscribing to the oath required by the Constitution.

The roll was called and the following members responded to their names:

Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crawford, Crockett Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker.

Ordered that MR. STUBBS inform the Senate that the House is ready on its part to proceed to business.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HOLT, who informed the House that the Senate is ready on its part to proceed to business.

MR. BAKER offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That a committee be appointed, composed of five on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House of Delegates, to notify the Governor that the General Assembly of Virginia is duly organized and ready to receive any communication that he may desire to make; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. BAKER carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.



A message was received from the Senate, by MR. MAPP, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. BAKER, CLEMENTS, GRANT, HORNER, SPATIG, LAND and WEAVER of *Grayson* the committee on the part of the House.

Subsequently the committee reported that they had waited upon the Governor, and that he would communicate to the General Assembly in writing.

A communication from the Governor was read as follows:

*To the General Assembly of Virginia:*

In a message sent by me to the General Assembly on February 7, 1914, I used the following language:

"Believing that the long standing demand for tax reform in Virginia, involving a general revision of our assessment and revenue laws, reached its culmination in our last general election, and that the legislative and executive branches of the government, as now constituted, are looked to by the people for a substantial response to this demand, I feel justified in calling your special attention to the responsibility under which we rest, and in making it the subject of my first message to the General Assembly.

"\* \* \* Repeated expressions of individual members of the General Assembly lead me to the belief that there is quite general concurrence in the view that tax revision is a matter of such vital importance as not only to justify, but to demand an extraordinary session of the General Assembly for the sole consideration of that question, to which all tax measures, pending or hereafter proposed, shall be referred.

"I, therefore, announce my readiness to exercise the constitutional authority vested in me to call an extraordinary session for the purpose mentioned, and venture to recommend that the General Assembly proceed, as soon as possible, to the work of constituting a body of competent persons, composed, in part at least, of members of the Senate and House of Delegates, to consider the subject of taxation in its entirety, and to report recommendations with proper bills, together with a code of tax laws, for the consideration of the General Assembly in an extraordinary session, to be called for a date not later than January 12, 1915."

I am happy to say that my suggestion met with cordial assent on the part of your honorable body, and that later, by act approved March 24, 1914, a law was enacted constituting a Special Joint Committee on Taxation.

The act referred to further requested the Governor to call an extra session of the General Assembly to consider the report of the Special Joint Committee on Taxation. Later, a petition was presented to me, signed by more than two-thirds of the members of the Senate and House of Delegates, in accordance with section 73 of the Constitution, asking that such session be called, to begin not later than the second Wednesday in January, 1915, "for the purpose of revising the tax laws of the Commonwealth." Acting upon this petition, I have summoned you to this extraordinary session.

To this important task I feel sure the representatives of the people of Virginia bring a full measure of wisdom and patriotism, a keen sense of justice and an unselfish desire to attain the very best and highest standard of public service in the settlement of a question that affects so closely every individual in the Commonwealth.

I desire at this point to record my appreciation of the earnest, faithful and patriotic work of the Special Joint Committee on Taxation, whose members labored with zeal, with untiring energy, and with a self-sacrificing desire to discharge their duties in a manner worthy of the important trust confided to them.

It was not to be expected that the committee would agree on any single

plan, nor is it to be expected that the people will fully agree on so complex a subject. It is undeniable that a considerable portion of this disagreement arises from the popular conception of taxes as an unreasonable burden, imposed arbitrarily by a sort of invisible central government. The citizen in an established community sees the roads and schools and courthouses and organized police, and knows of the existence of State, county and city prisons, of great institutions for the care of those unfortunate wards of the Commonwealth with minds diseased, and of colleges and universities for the higher education of the young, but takes these things as a matter of course, not realizing that for the support of these necessary institutions in civilized communities all the people must pay in proportion to their ability and their accumulations.

In view, therefore, of this aspect of human nature, and of the immense variation in values as determined by countless conditions, it would seem to be the ideal in tax reform to so adjust taxation that the citizen may the more nearly see the operation of the system, and have full knowledge of its workings and be made to realize a full partnership in its results.

With these primary facts in mind, the Special Joint Committee on Taxation prosecuted its investigations with infinite patience and exceptional ability. It speedily located and agreed on the causes of public dissatisfaction in the present tax system, but became divided into two different schools of thought as to the remedies to be applied, and submitted to the Governor as the result of its labors a majority and minority report on November 1, 1914.

In this connection I feel that I should say that my own views have undergone a change as a result of one year's incumbency of the executive office and of the close study I have given the subject, in which I have been greatly aided by the reports of the committee.

The committee was required by the provisions of the act which brought it into existence to report two plans of tax revision. One is a system involving the establishment of a State Tax Commission, charged with the power and duty of equalizing the burdens of taxation as between all taxpayers and all classes of property in the State. The other is a tax system involving segregation of certain classes of property to be taxed exclusively for State purposes, and from which the State is to derive approximately the revenue necessary for its support. Any discussion of the relative merits of the two systems must, of course, be general in its nature for the purposes of this paper.

Taking up briefly the first plan suggested, it must be remembered that our difficulties grow not out of inequality of State rates, but out of inequality of the assessments to which a common and uniform State rate is applied. The task of a State Tax Commission, as proposed by the majority report, would be the equalization of assessments of all classes of property throughout the State, and the usefulness of such a commission would be measured by its success in accomplishing this task. If the difficulties of such a task were not manifest, the experience of a number of States would give incontestable proof on this point. It has been frequently said of Virginia that in no State of the Union can be found a greater diversity of products. This is another way of saying that there is no State in the Union with a greater adaptability of soil, and, therefore, a greater variety of soil, with consequent variations of value. The difficulties of equalizing at long range the assessments of thousands of tracts of land varying greatly in actual value in the same community, and varying yet more in communities in the same county, and still more as between the one hundred counties and twenty cities of such a State as Virginia, would seem well nigh insurmountable. Does it not seem that the unit is too large for self-equalization?

If, however, we admit for the moment that an approach toward State equalization of assessments is possible by providing a State Tax Commission, would it be the part of wisdom to embark in a cumbrous, expensive and uncertain undertaking, when a reasonably certain, economical and self-executing system of equalization invites our attention?



It is not the name equality, but the thing equality, that we seek. Why, then, at the cost of treasure and contentions and bickerings and possible public dissatisfaction, pursue the shadow of uniform valuations, when the substance of natural equalization is within our grasp?

It is not enough that a method of assessing taxes be fair and just. In a government by the people it is essential that the public be convinced that it is fair and just.

Segregation, unlike equalization of assessments, is not to us an experiment. It has been in force in Virginia for many years. The State now derives \$4,500,000.00 of her revenue from subjects already segregated. Why not extend segregation at least far enough to absorb for State purposes all taxable subjects which are of a class easy of assessment, such as intangible property, which, as a rule, assesses itself on its face, and rolling stock of steam railroads, easily assessed by already ascertained standards of value, and which, by its very transitory nature presents, and may continue to present, difficulties in distribution as between counties and cities, and is therefore pre-eminently a subject for segregation to the State? Taxes on insurance companies might also be segregated to the State for reasons kindred to those already given.

It is the opinion of some members of the Special Joint Committee on Taxation, as it is also the opinion of some of the State officers familiar with this question, that the State can derive from the subjects already segregated, and to be segregated under this plan, annual revenue which will reach within \$800,000, or possibly \$550,000 of the amount of the actual annual expenditures of the Commonwealth. I fully concur in this view, and I am firmly of opinion that the proposed subjects for segregation will soon, from causes purely natural and affecting all classes of property, grow into values which will afford the early opportunity of complete segregation. Tables have been prepared showing the effect of this partial segregation on the counties and cities of the Commonwealth on the basis of a deficit of \$550,000 and \$800,000, respectively. Any deficit in the State revenue can be easily and promptly ascertained by an ex-officio board, composed of three State officers, acting without additional salary, and under authority given by statute. This board could perform the purely ministerial duty of apportioning a comparatively small deficit between the several counties and cities of the State on a statutory basis in conformity with the Constitution.

It must be remembered that any deficit exceeding in amount those I have mentioned must be brought about by appropriations made by the Legislature in excess of the aggregate cost of conducting the State government. The ex-officio board would have no power in itself to assess the value of any property or to fix a rate of taxation. Even its power of requisition on the counties and cities would be limited to the amount made necessary by the Legislature itself, which, being composed of the direct representatives of the counties and cities to be called upon to make up any extraordinary deficit, would not be likely to put any unnecessary encumbrance or burden upon their immediate constituents. Under such a system the motive of the individual member of the legislative body for an economical administration of the State government would not only be stimulated, but he would have easily at hand an accurate measure of his own extravagance and of the resulting effect in dollars and cents upon the taxpayers whom he represents.

The rates on segregated subjects should not be high enough to constitute a net burden on that class of property heavier than that which it would be necessary to impose on unsegregated subjects by the counties and cities.

This is but the barest outline of a segregation plan. The details and results have been fully shown in the report of the committee, and in amended tables in the hands of the members of the General Assembly. There have been prepared and placed in the hands of the Finance Committees of the Senate and House, respectively, supplementary tables and estimates embodying changes in the plan worked out by the minority of the committee as to

detail and as to rates on segregated property, which might well be carefully considered in connection with the general report of the committee.

Under segregation each county and city would have the exclusive right, through its own local government, composed of its own citizens, to assess and levy taxes on all its real estate and all tangible personal property, except on that of steam railroads. Under this system no county or city could, by its own delinquency, affect the rights or interests of other counties or cities.

Necessary legislation should be enacted to enable the counties and cities to discharge their proper functions in their new relations to the State, providing especially the necessary machinery for local equalization of assessments.

One of the most frequent objections assigned to our present faulty tax system is that sixty of our one hundred counties take out of the State treasury more than they put into it. Counties of this class have been denominated by unfriendly critics as "pauper" counties. This condition of so-called pauperism may result, and in some cases does result, from gross under-assessments, or rather from assessments substantially below the average under-assessment of property.

On the other hand, the same condition may, and in most cases does, largely arise from an actual disproportion of property to school population. Our free school system and, in fact, the whole system of public education, is based on the theory that the strong must protect and, in some respects, provide for the weak; that the rich man shall, out of his substance, educate not only his own child, but many other children of his less fortunate neighbors. Under this principle it naturally follows that men of wealth and communities of wealth put more into the State treasury for educational purposes than they take out, and equally that poor men and poor communities put less into the State treasury than they take out. For convenience I am using the word "poor" as applied to men to indicate simply lack of means, and I am applying the same word to counties and communities in a purely relative sense to indicate either lack of resources or of development of resources. The poor man and the poor community are only to be blamed when they put less into the treasury than their just proportion. The theory is that direct taxes are to be paid by persons and by communities in proportion to their property values, while on the other hand the educational fund thus collected is distributed on the basis of school population. Wealth and school population have no necessary relation to each other. On the contrary, the rule is that the largest school populations are found in communities least able within themselves to supply education.

By way of illustration, I find in the committee report one county, needless to name, which the committee estimates to contain aggregate true values amounting to \$27,000,000, and another county in the same report with an estimated aggregate true value of \$5,000,000. In the first county mentioned, with \$27,000,000 of property, the school population numbers 5,649, while the second county, with only \$5,000,000 of property, has a school population of 6,288.

Let us compare two other counties—County A shows, in round numbers, estimated true values, \$70,000,000; County B, estimated true values, \$8,000,000. County A, with \$70,000,000 of taxable values, has a school population of 5,543; County B, with \$8,000,000 of taxable values, has a school population of 8,590, or one-eighth the property and 60 per cent. more children of school age.

Considering that much the largest draft made by the counties on the State treasury is on account of free schools, and with figures like these before us, how is it possible for County No. 2 and County B to life themselves out of the so-called pauper column without rejecting the benefit of a solemn obligation which the State has rightfully assumed and justly owes to every child in the Commonwealth?

The State appropriations for public schools are made for the children of the whole Commonwealth. They are only distributed to counties and



cities by name because of the necessity for subdivisions of school population to afford a just basis of distribution, and because of the further necessity for sub-agencies of the State to manage and disburse these funds. There are no county boundaries in illiteracy. The mass of illiteracy is what the State undertakes to reach.

Free education is the undertaking of the State, and not of the counties and cities as such, and yet even County No. 2 in the above illustration, as also many other counties similarly situated, undertakes out of its own meagre means to supplement its State educational fund, and actually pays almost as much for the education of its children as does the entire State, with all of its wealth, and County B pays \$10,000 more from its own resources for the education of its children than it receives from the State.

It is a fact sometimes overlooked that the State contributes less than one-third of the amount of the cost of maintaining our free school system. In round numbers, the State contributes \$2,000,000, and the counties and cities pay out of their own treasuries \$4,000,000. Had it been the policy of the State to pay out of its own treasury the entire cost of the free school system, as now conducted, the tax burden on County No. 2 and County B would have been much lighter than it is today.

One of the so-called pauper counties received last year from the State \$12,000 for school purposes, and added \$77,000 from county and district taxation for the same purposes, while another county which appears self-sustaining received \$10,000, from the State and added only the same amount.

It must be clear that the burdens, if they may be so called, of public education are in their very nature incapable of equalization, and, in fact, were never intended to be equalized in any sense, except that the poor should pay according to their poverty and the rich according to their abundance.

The distribution of pensions also rests on the principle I have just enunciated. It is not surprising that there should be a larger percentage of pensioners in counties with 90 per cent. white population, which have been practically unaffected by immigration, than in counties with half or less than half white population, or in cities and urban communities, with not only a very large percentage of negro, but also of foreign population. However sacred may be the obligation of the State to its children, it is no less so to its disabled Confederate veterans, whose services in war were rendered not to counties and cities as such, but to the State as a sovereign.

What I have said as to the relation of the counties to the State is not to be construed as a defense of assessments below the general average, but simply as showing that no amount of equalization of assessments can place every county on the credit side of the State ledger.

As a revenue measure, as well as for the protection of intangible property from the hardship of rates made unnecessarily high because of the under-assessment of real estate and tangible personal property, I favor a low rate; a rate even lower than that proposed by the Tax Committee, with a provision under which the rate would be automatically lowered when a given amount of intangibles shall have been reported for taxation.

While it is to be hoped, and indeed expected, that a reasonably low rate on this class of property will greatly encourage holders to list it in larger volume for taxation, yet I would strengthen our laws very materially, placing larger powers in the hands of the Auditor, or such board as may be created, for the discovery of intangible property and the collection of the tax levied against it. There is to my mind no good and sufficient reason why our State government should have less power and exercise less vigor in the discovery of its taxable resources than that possessed and exercised by the Federal government, acting under authority granted to it by the State.

I favor laws bringing intangible and tangible property as nearly as possible into equal accessibility to the tax gatherer.

The people of the State, appreciating their increased and increasing resources, understand that the public burdens can be borne without hard-



ship to any taxpayer if all taxable property within the State is brought into contribution in just proportion.

The hour has struck for readjustment of the tax system of our State. The information is at hand; public sentiment is now ready for a change, and is expecting results from the session of the General Assembly that begins today. The subject of tax equalization has been for many years a source of discord and disagreement in our legislative councils, and for this reason we must count ourselves all the more fortunate in approaching this important question at a time when conditions for a satisfactory and permanent settlement seem so propitious.

Let us hope that our deliberations and conclusions may be genuinely responsive to the enlightened demands of an aroused public conscience, so that in the years to come we and all the people may look back upon the work of 1915, and say that it is good.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART,  
*Governor.*

Ordered that 1,000 copies of the Governor's message be printed for the use of the members.

THE SPEAKER appointed Mr. FULLER a member of the committees on General Laws, Currency and Commerce, and Counties, Cities and Towns, in place of Mr. Toney, deceased.

THE SPEAKER appointed Mr. CRAWFORD a member of the committees on Public Property, Agriculture and Mining, and Immigration, in place of Mr. Hartley, deceased.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communications:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,  
RICHMOND, April 6, 1914.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Esq.*,  
*Clerk of the House of Delegates,*  
*Richmond, Virginia.*

DEAR SIR:

In pursuance of an act approved March 24, 1914, "to provide for the appointment of a joint committee on tax revision to consider and report on all questions pertaining to the assessment and collection of taxes and the method of appropriating and expending the revenue of the State, and to provide compensation to be paid said committee and such clerks, stenographers as experts as may be employed by said committee, and other necessary expenses."

I have appointed the following members from the House of Delegates: Hon. D. H. Pitts, Hon. John W. Chalkley, Hon. Aubrey C. Weaver, Hon. Hill Montague, and you will please notify them accordingly.

Yours truly,

EDWIN P. COX,  
*Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

WOODS X-ROADS, VA., April 3, 1914.

HON. EDWIN P. COX,  
*Speaker House of Delegates,*  
*Richmond, Va.*

MY DEAR SIR:

Since the House of Delegates adjourned and reaching home, I have con-

cluded to ask you to put some one else on the committee to meet Maryland committee in my place. I have to decline serving on committee.

Yours very truly,

J. N. STUBBS.

HON. J. W. WILLIAMS,

*Clerk:*

Appoint Hon. Geo. L. Browning, Orange, in place of J. N. Stubbs, resigned.

E. P. COX,  
*Speaker.*

MR. PITTS offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Virginia, That its deepest sympathies be and are hereby extended to Hon. Thos. S. Martin, the senior Senator from Virginia, in his recent bereavement—the loss of his estimable wife.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Hon. Thos. S. Martin by the Clerk of the House of Delegates; which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That at this extra session of the General Assembly no bill shall be introduced without the consent of both houses previously obtained, except bills affecting the tax system of the State; which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to; which motion was rejected.

Ordered that MR. WILLIAMS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HOLT, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the Finance Committees of each house are requested to meet daily in joint session in the hall of the House of Delegates, at such times as may be agreed on by them, for the purpose of public hearings on the tax system, and the members of both houses are urged to be present at all of these meetings; which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. WILLIAMS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HOBBS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. CANNON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That a joint session of the Senate and House of Delegates be held on Fri-

day, January 15, 1915, at 11 o'clock A. M., at which time Joseph B. Anderson, S. R. Donohoe and Thomas Walker Page, members of the recent Special Joint Committee on Taxation, be and they are hereby invited and requested to address the General Assembly upon the subject of taxation; and that the expenses attendant thereon be paid jointly out of the contingent funds of the Senate and House of Delegates; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

On motion of MR. SPESSARD the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. SPESSARD inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

MR. BROWNING offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Delegates notes with profound sorrow the death of two of its members and its reading clerk since the last adjournment, and also the death of a distinguished member of the Senate, these being the late HONS. R. B. HARTLEY of Sussex, D. L. TONEY of Richmond, and SENATOR EDWARD ECHOLS of Staunton, and Hon. Harry B. Owen, late reading clerk of the House; that we mourn their passing from the scenes of their activities and labors in which they had been so useful and distinguished, and that when the House adjourns it do so in great respect to the memory of these eminent men; which was agreed to.

The following were presented and referred, under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 437 of the Code of Virginia, relating to assessors of real estate, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 10, 1903; to amend and re-enact section 441 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessment of lands and improvements, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 10, 1903; and to amend and re-enact section 448 of the Code of Virginia, relating to commissioners of revenue, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 25, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 22, 1894, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved April 20, 1903.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to require the actual consideration to be stated in all transfers of property by deed or other conveyance, or to be furnished to the clerk of the court, before any such deed or other conveyance is admitted to record.



By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to create county and city boards of review of assessments; to define their powers and duties; to fix their compensation, and to provide for the payments thereof.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 437-a of chapter 23, of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessments of mineral lands and the improvements, fixtures and machinery thereon, as enacted by an act to amend and re-enact chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the assessment of lands and lots, approved December 10, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 17, 1906, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1910, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 7, 1912.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes; to ascertain the liens on delinquent lands, and to sell lands to satisfy the liens of delinquent taxes; to ascertain omitted lands, and to provide further penalties upon delinquent taxpayers.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to impose additional duties upon the examiners of records of the several judicial circuits, with reference to the review of assessments made by the commissioners of the revenue of intangible personal property and incomes of persons, firms or corporations of their respective judicial circuits.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to provide for the taxation of bonds, notes and other evidences of debt, of individuals or corporations, and all other demands and claims, however evidenced, representing the principal debt or obligation secured by deed of trust, mortgage, or vendor's lien on real estate or personal property, situated or located in this State, the due date of which is five years or less.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 494, 496, 497 and 498 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessment and valuation of personal property, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 8, 1898, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 494, 496, 497 and 498 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessment and valuation of personal property.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Consti-

tution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½a, 46½b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 27 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 13, 1912.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require all water companies, heat, light and power companies, and gas companies to pay a franchise tax, a property tax and to furnish certain reports to the State Corporation Commission, approved February 26, 1910, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, and to designate said bill as section 28½ of the tax bill when so amended and re-enacted.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Consti-

tution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2, of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriter's agency, and providing a penalty for its violation.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Consti-



tution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, approved March 17, 1910.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 603 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended and re-enacted.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to provide for a State Board of Taxation, to define its powers and duties and to prescribe the duties of certain officers of the several counties and cities of the State in relation thereto.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS, and WEAVER of *Warren*: A bill to create a State Tax Commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act.

By MR. POWELL: A bill to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes, to ascertain liens on delinquent lands, to sell lands to satisfy the liens of delinquent taxes, to ascertain omitted lands and to provide further penalties upon delinquent taxpayers.

By MR. BAKER: A bill to provide for the uniform assessment during the year 1915 of land, including mineral land of the State of Virginia, and for the assessment of such of the tangible personal property of the State as can be conveniently classified, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act.

By MR. LOWRY: A bill to collect capitation taxes that are three years or more past due.

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, PITTS, MONTAGUE and ROBERTSON: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 2 and 7 of an act entitled "an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution," approved April 16, 1903.

By MR. ROBERTSON: A bill regulating the manufacture and sale of soft drinks, coco cola, etc.

By MR. WILLIAMS: A bill to provide for the uniform assessment of all personal property in the State of Virginia, and to create a district tax commission and to further provide for a State tax commission.

By MR. STEARNES: A bill to levy an excise tax upon the public utility corporations of the State; to segregate and make them liable to taxation by the State alone; to fix the method and rate of such

taxation; and to repeal all State taxes upon the real and personal property of the State.

MR. WILLIAMS moved that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at ten o'clock, A. M.; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the House adjourned in respect to the memory of HON. R. B. HARTLEY, HON. D. L. TONEY, HON. EDWARD ECHOLS and Hon. Harry B. Owen.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1915.

Prayer by the Rev. J. A. Winn, of Barton Heights M. E. Church, South.

On motion of MR. FULLER the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communications from the Governor:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, January 14, 1915.

*To the General Assembly:*

I desire to inform your honorable body that I have received and accepted the resignation of Hon. George S. Shackelford as judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, effective February 1, 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART,  
*Governor*.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, January 14, 1915.

*To the General Assembly of Virginia:*

Since the adjournment of your last session I have made the following appointments to fill vacancies in judgeships:

On March 25, 1914, I appointed Preston W. Campbell to be judge of the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Francis B. Hutton.

On May 19, 1914, I appointed P. H. Dillard to be judge of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. Lawrence Campbell.

On June 4, 1914, I appointed Thomas E. Blakey to be judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. T. R. B. Wright.



On August 21, 1914, I appointed A. E. King to be judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Roanoke, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Waller R. Staples.

On September 4, 1914, I appointed Floyd H. Roberts to be judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Bristol, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Joseph L. Kelly.

On January 9, 1915, I appointed Hon. Joseph L. Kelly judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals for the unexpired term made vacant by the resignation of Hon. John A. Buchanan.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART,  
*Governor.*

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, January 14, 1915.

*To the General Assembly of Virginia:*

On July 30, 1914, I appointed Benjamin L. Purcell to be Dairy and Food Commissioner for the unexpired term, beginning August 15, 1914, and ending January 31, 1916, made vacant by the resignation of William D. Saunders. I request confirmation of this appointment by the General Assembly in joint session.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART,  
*Governor.*

Referred to the Committee on Confirmations.

MR. HORNER offered the following resolution:

Whereas the legislatures of the States of North Carolina and Virginia are holding sessions simultaneously for the first time in many years; and,

Whereas there are no two States in the Union more nearly allied in general characteristics and especially in the spirit of service to the whole country; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Virginia (the Senate concurring), That we felicitate the legislature of North Carolina upon the auspicious circumstances under which it has assembled and extend to it our cordial good wishes for the success of its labors and the assurance of our continued affectionate interest in the permanent prosperity of our neighboring sister Commonwealth; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. HORNER carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. CANNON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

On motions severally made by MESSRS. STEARNES and WILLIAMS, 500 copies each of the following bills were ordered to be printed:

A bill to levy an excise tax upon the public utility corporations of the State; to segregate and make them liable to taxation by the State alone; to fix the method and rate of such taxation; and to repeal all State taxes upon the real and personal property of the State.

A bill to provide for the uniform assessment of all personal prop-

erty in the State of Virginia, and to create a District Tax Commission, and to further provide for a State Tax Commission.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. REED: A bill to require a reduction after each re-assessment of real estate in the county and city tax rates on real estate and tangible personal property in which there is an increase in the assessed valuation of real estate and tangible personal property, and to permit an increase in the county and city tax rates under certain conditions.

By MR. REED: A bill to require a reduction after each assessment of real estate in the State tax rate on real estate and tangible personal property when there is an increase in the valuation of such property.

By MR. REED: A bill to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted.

By MR. REED: A joint resolution proposing amendment to section 171 of the Constitution providing for a re-assessment of real estate in the year 1917 and every two years thereafter.

By MR. REED: A joint resolution proposing amendment to section 183 of the Constitution.

By MR. REED: A bill to amend and re-enact section 441 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessment of lands and improvements, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 10, 1903.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Mining:

By MR. STEARNES: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity of commercial fertilizers, and the guaranty and condition upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties incurred for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved December 28, 1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914.

MR. WEAVER of Warren was granted indefinite leave of absence on account of sickness, on motion of MR. HOUSTON.



MR. ADAMS was granted four (4) days leave of absence on motion of MR. KENT.

MR. WILLIAMS moved that until further ordered the House meet at ten o'clock, A. M.; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

# FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Winn, of Barton Heights M. E. Church. South.

On motion of MR. CRAWFORD the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

The following House bills, having been considered by the Committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 1. House bill to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes; to ascertain the liens on delinquent lands, and to sell lands to satisfy the liens of delinquent taxes; to ascertain omitted lands, and to provide further penalties upon delinquent tax payers.

No. 2. House bill to collect capitation taxes that are three years or more past due.

No. 3. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½a, 46½b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of an act entitled "an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution," approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the State Corporation Commission:

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION,  
RICHMOND, January 14, 1915.

*To the General Assembly of Virginia:*

At the last session of the General Assembly of Virginia an act was passed entitled "an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State Corporation Commission."

Section 4 of that act provides that "for the purpose of carrying out this act the State Corporation Commission is empowered to employ or appoint all necessary accountants, examiners, stenographers, engineers, assistants, or agents, who shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State of Virginia upon the order of the State Corporation Commission."

This commission has been unable to make this act fully effective because the Attorney General has officially expressed the opinion that no money is thereby made available for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of that act because no appropriation has been made therefor, and that the clause of the law above quoted is insufficient to authorize the Treasurer to honor the orders of this commission as apparently contemplated by the General Assembly.

Therefore, we are calling the matter to your attention so that the apparent defect in the act may be corrected by the General Assembly. We herewith enclose a bill for your consideration, amending that section making an annual appropriation of five thousand dollars, which we believe will be for the present sufficient to enable the commission to execute the apparent will of the General Assembly as expressed in the act referred to.

Very respectfully,

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION,

ROBERT R. PRENTIS, *Chairman*,

WM. F. RHEA,

J. R. WINGFIELD,

*Commissioners.*

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly proceed at 10:30 o'clock A. M. today to consider for confirmation or rejection the nomination by the Governor of a Dairy and Food Commissioner for the unexpired term beginning August 15, 1914, and ending January 31, 1916, made vacant by the resignation of William D. Saunders, and to hear Joseph B. Anderson, S. R. Donohoe and Thomas Walker Page, previously invited to address the General Assembly, and that the rules for the government of the Senate and House of Delegates, when convened in joint assembly for such purpose, shall be as follows:

For the government of the Senate and House of Delegates when convened in joint assembly for the purpose of confirming or rejecting the nomination of the Governor for Dairy and Food Commissioner, and to hear Joseph B. Anderson, S. R. Donohoe and Thomas Walker Page, previously invited to address the General Assembly—

1. At the hour fixed for the meeting of the joint assembly, accompanied by the President and Clerk of the Senate, the Senators shall proceed to the hall of the House of Delegates, and shall be received by the Delegates standing; appropriate seats shall be assigned



to the Senators by the Sergeant-at-arms of the House. THE SPEAKER of the House shall assign an appropriate seat to the PRESIDENT of the Senate.

2. THE SPEAKER of the House shall be President of the joint assembly, and in case it shall be necessary for him to vacate the chair, his place shall be taken by the President of the Senate, or in the event of the latter's absence, by such member of the joint assembly as the President may designate.

3. The Clerk of the House of Delegates shall be clerk of the joint assembly, and shall be assisted by the Clerk of the Senate. The Clerk shall enter the proceedings of the joint assembly in the Journal of the House, and shall certify a copy of the same to the Clerk of the Senate, who shall enter the same on the Journal of the Senate.

4. The Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeepers and Pages of the House shall act as such for the joint assembly.

5. The rules of the House of Delegates, so far as practicable, shall be the rules for the joint assembly.

6. In calling the roll of the joint assembly, the names of the Senators shall be called first, in alphabetical order, and then the names of the Delegates in like order, except that the name of THE SPEAKER of the House shall be called last.

7. If, when the joint assembly meets, it shall be ascertained that a majority of each House is not present, the joint assembly may take measures to secure the attendance of absentees or adjourn to another day, as a majority of those present may determine.

8. When the joint assembly adjourns, the Senators shall return to their chamber, and the business of both houses shall be proceeded with in the same order as when interrupted for the purpose of convening the joint assembly; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WILLIAMS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. FEATHERSTON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

MR. BREWER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That THE SPEAKER and Clerk of the House certify for payment out of the Contingent Fund of the House, the following amounts on account of the attendance of the Finance Committee before the assembling of this session:

N. E. SPESSARD, seven days .....	\$58.33
W. W. BAKER, seven days .....	58.33
R. L. BREWER, JR., seven days .....	58.33
HARRY R. HOUSTON, seven days .....	58.33

D. H. PITTS, seven days . . . . .	\$ 58.33
HILL MONTAGUE, seven days . . . . .	58.33
O. L. STEARNES, seven days . . . . .	58.33
A. J. TERRELL, seven days . . . . .	58.33
I. E. SPATIG, seven days . . . . .	58.33
O. E. JORDAN, seven days . . . . .	58.33
D. W. OWEN, seven days . . . . .	58.33
R. T. GREGORY, seven days . . . . .	58.33
J. H. C. GRASTY, seven days . . . . .	58.33
W. W. Beverley, clerk, seven days . . . . .	42.00
M. H. Nelson, page, seven days . . . . .	21.00

which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. FEATHERSTON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That consent is hereby given to the introduction of a bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct over James river from the city of Lynchburg to the county of Amherst; which was agreed to.

Ordered that Mr. EASLEY inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

MR. LAND offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That immediately following the morning hour on Monday, the 18th instant, the two houses proceed to ascertain, by vote, the wishes of the bodies on the following questions:

1st. Does this General Assembly favor any substantial or radical revision of the tax laws of the State?

2nd. Shall such revision be along the line of equalization by a central commission form, or by the method of segregation?

3rd. If by segregation, shall it be by partial or full segregation? which was referred to the Committee on Rules.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. LESNER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That on Wednesday, January 20, 1915, a vote be taken on the question as to whether there shall be adopted by this session some form of partial segregation; and requests the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

On motion of Mr. LAND the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The hour of 10:30 o'clock A. M. having arrived, being the hour fixed by the joint resolution for the meeting of the members of the

two houses in joint assembly to consider for confirmation or rejection the nomination of the Governor for Dairy and Food Commissioner, and to hear Joseph B. Anderson, S. R. Donohoe and Thomas Walker Page, previously invited to address the General Assembly, the Senate of Virginia entered the hall of the House of Delegates, preceded by the President of the Senate. The roll was called and the following members responded:

Messrs. Andrews, Blanks, Bowers, Brock, Cannon, Catron, Corbitt, Crockett, Drewry, Early, Featherston, Fletcher, Garrett, Gayle, Goolrick, Gravatt, Harman, Hobbs, Holt, Lesner, Mapp, Massie, Parr, Paul, Paxton, Rinehart, Rison, Royall, Saunders, Smith, Sowder, Tavenner, Thornton, Walker, Watkins, Wendenburg, West.

There were 36 Senators present.

The roll of the House was called, and the following members responded:

Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brown, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Green, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stock, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrill, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker.

There were 94 members present.

MR. FEATHERSTON presented the following report from the Joint Committee on Confirmations:

The Joint Committee on Confirmations, to which was referred the message of the Governor transmitting the appointment of Benjamin L. Purcell as Dairy and Food Commissioner for the unexpired term beginning August 15, 1914, and ending January 31, 1916, made vacant by the resignation of William D. Saunders, respectfully recommends the confirmation of said appointment by the joint assembly.

H. C. FEATHERSTON, *Chairman*.

MR. FEATHERSTON moved that the appointment by the Governor of Benjamin L. Purcell as Dairy and Food Commissioner for the unexpired term beginning August 15, 1914, and ending January 31, 1916, be confirmed; which was agreed to.

Dr. Thomas Walker Page, in response to invitation extended, addressed the joint assembly.

MR. LESNER moved that the thanks of the joint assembly be extended Dr. Page for his address; which was agreed to.



Mr. Joseph B. Anderson, in response to invitation extended, addressed the joint assembly.

MR. FEATHERSTON moved that the thanks of the joint assembly be extended Mr. Anderson for his address; which was agreed to.

The following telegram was received from Mr. S. R. Donohoe:

FALLS CHURCH, VA., January 14, 1915.

O. V. HANGER,

*Clerk of Senate, Richmond, Va.:*

Greatly regret, but utterly impossible to go to Richmond tomorrow.

S. R. DONOHOE.

It was ordered that the foregoing record be spread on the Journal of the House of Delegates, and a copy thereof certified to the Clerk of the Senate for entry upon the Journal of the Senate, as provided by the rules of the joint assembly.

On motion of MR. FEATHERSTON the joint assembly adjourned *sine die*.

MR. SMITH of *King and Queen* moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the further consideration of House bill to amend and re-enact section 437 of the Code of Virginia, relating to assessors of real estate, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 10, 1903; to amend and re-enact section 441, of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessment of lands and improvements, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 10, 1903; and to amend and re-enact section 448 of the Code of Virginia, relating to commissioners of revenue, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 25, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 22, 1894, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved April 20, 1903; which was rejected—yeas, 7; nays, 69.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Gordon, Malbon, Powers, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, White—7.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Price, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—69.

MR. WHITE moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the further consideration of House bill to provide for a State board of taxation, to define its powers and duties, and to prescribe the duties of certain officers of the several counties and cities of the State in relation thereto; which was rejected—yeas, 38; nays, 40.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Brancomb, Brown, Commins, Crockett, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Johnson, Looney, Love, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Powell, Powers, Price, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—38.

NAYS—Messrs. Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clements, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hughes, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Reed, Spessard, Stearnes, Walton, Woodward—40.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. WHITE, by request: A bill to segregate, pursuant to the provisions of section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, all taxable real estate, and all taxable tangible personal property (except the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam) for the purposes of taxation, and to subject such real estate and tangible personal property to local taxes only; also to segregate, pursuant to the provisions of section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, all taxable intangible personal property and the rolling stock of all corporations operating railroads by steam for the purposes of taxation, and to subject such intangible personal property and rolling stock to State taxes only; the values of said property to be ascertained and determined, and the local taxes thereon and the State taxes thereon to be extended in the manner prescribed by law.

By MR. ROBERTSON: A bill to license to manufacture and sell butterine and other so-called butter preparations, other than butter from pure cow's milk.

By MESSRS. LOVE, GREGOGY, ROBERTSON and GORDON: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 117 and 118 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay interest on the public debt and to provide for a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, etc.

By MR. WILLIS: A bill to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code, as heretofore amended, in reference to the compensation of the land assessors.

By MR. MONTAGUE: A bill to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910.

By MR. REED: A bill to create the office of State tax commissioner; to define his duties and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act.

By MR. REED: Joint resolution in relation to amendment of income tax law allowing information for State use.

By MR. REED: Joint resolution proposing amendment to section 188 of the Constitution.

To the Committee on Schools and Colleges:

By MR. GUNN: Joint resolution in relation to investigation of prices of school books.

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MESSRS. MASSIE and EASLEY: A bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 1. House bill to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes; to ascertain the liens on delinquent lands, and to sell lands to satisfy the liens of delinquent taxes; to ascertain omitted lands, and to provide further penalties upon delinquent taxpayers.

No. 2. House bill to collect capitation taxes that are three years or more past due.

No. 3. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½-a, 46½-b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51-a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118-a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

On motion of MR. CHALKLEY, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX,  
*Speaker.*

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*



SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1915.

Prayer by the Rev. J. A. Winn, of Barton Heights M. E. Church, South.

On motion of Mr. MEETZE the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

House bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James River at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James River at the foot of Ninth Street in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Senate joint resolution in relation to vote to be taken on Monday, January 20, 1915, on the question of partial segregation, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Rules with the recommendation that it do not pass.

House joint resolution fixing time for the vote upon question relating to various methods of taxation, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Rules with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

House joint resolution in relation to investigation of prices of school books, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

MR. MASSIE was granted two days' leave of absence on motion of MR. CAWTHORN.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House Senate joint resolution as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That on Wednesday, January 20, 1915, a vote be taken on the question as to whether there shall be adopted by this session some form of partial segregation.

The resolution was rejected.

Ordered that Mr. CHALKLEY inform the Senate.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House joint resolution fixing time for the vote upon questions relating to various methods of taxation.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute proposed by the Committee on Rules as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be requested to report the tax commission and segregation bills pending before the Committee on Finance not later than Tuesday, January 19, 1915, and that the said bills be immediately made special and continuing orders; which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following resolution, reported from the Committee on Schools and Colleges:

Whereas at a meeting of the State Board of Education, held on the 14th of November, 1914, a special committee appointed to investigate the prices of text-books, made the following report:

*First.* That prices on certain primary texts appear to be too high, and that prices on many high school texts, particularly those to be used in the first and second years, should be materially reduced; and,

*Second.* That certain texts apparently have been offered to Virginia at a discriminatory price," and

Whereas the State Board of Education is endeavoring to secure text-books adapted to the needs of the public schools, at the lowest possible cost to the patrons thereof, and at a price as low as enjoyed by other States of the Union; New, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That a joint committee of the General Assembly be appointed, two by the President of the Senate and three by the Speaker of the House, to investigate and report to the next General Assembly as follows:

*First.* Whether the State of Virginia has been discriminated against in the price of text-books for use in the public schools;

*Second.* What legislation is necessary to insure this State a price on text-books as low as any other State in the Union and any subdivision thereof.

*Third.* Such other matters or legislation as the committee may deem necessary to carry into effect the object of this resolution.

Resolved further, That the State Board of Education be, and it is hereby, requested to defer action upon the adoption of text-books pending the report of this committee; which was agreed to.

Ordered that Mr. Gunn carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

MR. WHITE presented the report of the committee appointed under

act of the General Assembly approved March 12, 1912, for the purpose of reintering the remains of General Henry Lee ("Light-Horse Harry Lee") at Lexington, Virginia, as follows:

*To the General Assembly of Virginia:*

By an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved in the year 1861, a sum of money was appropriated for the purpose of bringing the remains of General Henry Lee, known and honored by his countrymen as "Light-Horse Harry Lee," of Lee's Legion, from the State of Georgia, at "Dungeness," on Cumberland Island, back to the State of Virginia. Owing to the war between the States, the purposes of this act were never accomplished.

On the 12th of March, 1912, another act was approved by the General Assembly of Virginia, appropriating the sum of five hundred dollars for the same purpose, and requiring that the remains of General Lee be reinterred in the mausoleum under the Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University, in the town of Lexington, and county of Rockbridge, Virginia, or in such other place as the Lee family might desire. Pursuant to the above act, a committee consisting of two members from the House of Delegates and one from the Senate was appointed to carry out and execute the purpose of the Assembly as set forth in its act. This committee consisted of Hugh A. White and John O. Daniel, of the House, and J. R. Tucker of the Senate.

The Hon. J. R. Tucker, of Bedford County, having been unavoidably prevented from acting, the Hon. J. M. Hart, of Roanoke City, was duly appointed in his stead. This committee now has the honor to report the performance of its duties.

After considerable correspondence, the committee obtained the views of the senior members of every branch of the Lee family, descendants of General Henry Lee. All desired that the remains be reinterred beneath the Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, where lies the body of his distinguished son, General Robert E. Lee. Very naturally there was opposition on the part of the patriotic societies and people of the State of Georgia to the removal of the remains from that State, but no formal action was taken, and the opposition yielded gracefully to the wishes of the State of Virginia and the descendants of General Lee.

The committee left Virginia on the 26th day of May, 1913, going direct to Fernandina, Florida, from whence, on the 28th, they proceeded by boat to "Dungeness," on Cumberland Island. The island is about six or eight miles out from Fernandina and the graveyard at "Dungeness," in which General Lee was buried, is located at the extreme southern end of the island. The committee here desires to record the great courtesy shown to it and to the State of Virginia by Mrs. Lucy C. Carnegie, who now owns Cumberland Island, and by her manager, Mr. W. E. Page, as well as by all others connected with her magnificent estate. While deeply regretting that beautiful "Dungeness" could not remain the last resting-place of the famous "Light-Horse Harry Lee," Mrs. Carnegie not only recognized and fully appreciated the patriotic desire of Virginia, but extended every courtesy and consideration possible. Though she was absent from the island at the time, she had left instructions that every consideration be shown and service rendered. On the morning of May 28th her yacht, "The Skibo," under command of Captain C. H. Yates, to whom the committee makes its acknowledgments for his kindness and courtesy, met the committee at Fernandina, and conveyed them across the sound to the island. There they were met by Mr. Page and others, and carried in automobiles to the old graveyard. The patriotic sentiments of the owner of "Dungeness" and those in charge in her absence were beautifully expressed by the draping of the brick walls of the graveyard in American flags. The dignified respect and fine sentiment shown for a great Virginian touched the hearts of Virginians. Mrs. Carnegie had taken scrupulous care of the grave and graveyard, and the people of Virginia are under



lasting obligations to her for the devotion which she has shown to Virginia's illustrious dead.

The gravestone stood erect, and on the headstone was the following:

"Sacred to the Memory of General Henry Lee, of Virginia. Obitt, March 25, 1818. Aetat, 63."

This stone was erected a good many years after his burial by his son, General Robert E. Lee, or under his direction by Mr. P. M. Nightingale, a grandson of General Nathaniel Green, who was present at the burial of General Lee. The grave must have been accurately marked at the time of burial, since the stones erected later were found to be in identically the proper place, the head and footstones corresponding exactly with the head and feet of the remains. At the request of Mrs. Carnegie, the original stones were permitted to remain, as she desired to have them re-erected at the same spot. For the sake of historical accuracy, it was understood that she would have carved on the headstone a statement that the remains of General Lee had been removed to the State of Virginia in May, 1913, and presumably this has been done.

A more beautiful spot cannot be imagined than this old graveyard at "Dungeness." The remains of the great soldier and statesman lay amid the perfume of the oleander and the jessamine, in the deep shade of the magnolias, the myrtles and the olives, while the long gray moss from the live oaks waved in majestic grace with every breeze, and the sobbing of the sea sang an eternal requiem over his grave. Nothing save the patriotic devotion of a loyal people could justify the intrusion upon so peaceful a resting-place. With profound feeling and respect by all, the grave was opened in the presence of the committee, and the remains, found in a most remarkable state of preservation, were removed, placed in a new casket, draped in a United States flag, and conveyed to the yacht, and thence back to Fernandina.

The remains reached Lynchburg, Virginia, on Memorial Day, May 30th, and were there met by representatives of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames and other patriotic societies, and a guard of honor remained in attendance throughout the day. At an appointed hour during the day the people of Lynchburg gathered spontaneously to pay their respects, and a brief but appropriate address was made by the Rev. Joseph Dunn, rector of the Episcopal Church of Lynchburg, after which the casket was covered with beautiful flowers.

On the evening of the 30th the remains reached Lexington. They were met by a large concourse of people, the faculty and student body of Washington and Lee University, and with the entire corps of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute acting as a special guard, they were borne to the Lee Chapel, where all that is mortal of General Henry Lee was there placed in the mausoleum in the crypt by the side of his illustrious son, General Robert E. Lee. On the marble slab that encloses the crypt is the following:

"GEN. HENRY LEE

(Light-Horse Harry)

1756-1818

Buried at Cumberland Island, Georgia,

Removed to Lexington, Virginia, 1913."

Though removed from so beautiful a spot, and from a State no less patriotic than Virginia, it is appropriate and proper that the remains of General Henry Lee should rest in his native State, and beside those of his distinguished son. It is especially appropriate that they should rest at Washington and Lee University, in the chapel designed by that son, and which must ever be a shrine at which truth, virtue, liberty and patriotism will be worshipped.

HUGH A. WHITE,

*Of Rockbridge County, Chairman;*

JNO. O. DANIEL,

*Of Loudoun County, on the part of the House;*

JOHN M. HART,

*Of Roanoke County, on the part of the Senate.*

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

THE RICHMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,  
January 15, 1915.

*To the Honorable the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Virginia,  
Capitol Building, Richmond, Va.:*

In obedience to instructions, I herewith convey to your Honorable body copy of a resolution adopted January 6, 1915, by the Committee on Legislation of this Chamber, relating to the question of tax revision, and approved by the Board of Directors of the Chamber January 13, 1915, together with a copy of an article on the same subject contributed to the press by Mr. O. A. Hawkins, referred to in an addendum to the committee's resolution.

Requesting for the suggestions contained in these two papers your valued attention, I am, with great consideration,

Very respectfully yours,

R. A. DUNLOP,  
Secretary.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly shall proceed at 11:30 o'clock A. M., this day to the election of a judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge John A. Buchanan; a judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Roanoke to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Waller R. Staples; a judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Bristol to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Joseph L. Kelly; a judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge George S. Shackelford; a judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge T. R. B. Wright; a judge of the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Frances B. Hutton; a judge of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge J. Lawrence Campbell.

And that in the execution of the joint order for the election of judges, nominations shall be made for the whole number in the order in which they appear in this resolution, and that each house shall be called for the election of each judge in the order named in this resolution. And when the roll shall have been called for the whole number, the presiding officer of each house shall appoint a committee of two, which together shall constitute a joint committee to count the joint vote in each case and report the result to their respective houses; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WILLIAMS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. WALKER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution,

with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

The Senate amendment as follows: "Strike out 11:30 and insert 11:15;" was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WILLIAMS inform the Senate.

The hour of 11:15 o'clock A. M. having arrived, ordered that MR. OLIVER inform the Senate that the House is ready on its part to proceed with the execution of the joint order.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. GAYLE, who informed the House that the Senate was ready on its part to proceed to the execution of the joint order.

MR. BUCK nominated Joseph L. Kelly for judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals to fill the unexpired term occasioned by the resignation of Judge John A. Buchanan.

MR. WILLIS nominated A. E. King for judge of the Corporation court of the city of Roanoke, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Waller R. Staples.

MR. BUCK nominated Floyd H. Roberts for judge of the corporation court of the city of Bristol, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Joseph L. Kelly

MR. HUGHES nominated John Rutherford for judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge George S. Shackelford.

MR. SMITH, of King and Queen, nominated Thomas E. Blakey for judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge T. R. B. Wright.

MR. HUFF nominated Preston W. Campbell for judge of the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Frances B. Hutton.

MR. KINSEY nominated P. H. Dillard for judge of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge J. Lawrence Campbell.

Ordered that MR. OLIVER inform the Senate that the following nominations have been made:

For judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Joseph L. Kelly.

For judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Roanoke, A. E. King.

For judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Bristol, Floyd H. Roberts.

For judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, John Rutherford.

For judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Thomas E. Blakey.

For judge of the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit, Preston W. Campbell.



For judge of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit, P. H. Dillard.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. ANDREWS, who informed the House that no additional names had been added in the Senate to the list of nominations made by the House.

The roll was called with the following result:

For Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals:

Joseph L. Kelly, ..... 77

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clements, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gordon, Gunn, Harvey, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—77.

For Judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Roanoke:

A. E. King, ..... 69

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gordon, Gunn, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Hous-ton, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—69.

For Judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Bristol:

Floyd H. Roberts, ..... 72

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—72.

For Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit:

John Rutherford, ..... 68

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Green, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—68.

For Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit:

Thomas E. Blakey, ..... 65

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Green, Gordon, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—65.

For Judge of the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit:

Preston W. Campbell, ..... 68

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gordon, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powers, Powell, Price, Radford, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—68.

For Judge of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit:

P. H. Dillard, ..... 60

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Gordon, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, Williams, Willis, Winston—60.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. COMMINS and DANIEL of *Middlesex*, the committee on the part of the House to count and report the joint vote in each case.

The committee subsequently reported as follows:

For Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals:

Whole number of votes cast, .....	106
Necessary to a choice, .....	54
Joseph L. Kelly received, .....	106

For Judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Roanoke:

Whole number of votes cast, .....	99
Necessary to a choice, .....	50
A. E. King received, .....	99

For Judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Bristol:

Whole number of votes cast, .....	102
Necessary to a choice, .....	52
Floyd H. Roberts received, .....	102

For Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit:

Whole number of votes cast, .....	97
Necessary to a choice, .....	49
John Rutherford received, .....	97

For Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit:

Whole number of votes cast, .....	94
Necessary to a choice, .....	48
Thomas E. Blakey received, .....	94

For Judge of the Twenty-third Judicial Circuit:

Whole number of votes cast, .....	97
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Necessary to a choice, .....	49
Preston W. Campbell received, .....	97

### For Judge of the Thirtieth Judicial Circuit:

Whole number of votes cast, .....	89
Necessary to a choice, .....	45
P. H. Dillard received, .....	89

Joseph L. Kelly, A. E. King, Floyd H. Roberts, John Ruthersford, Thomas E. Blakey, Preston W. Campbell and P. H. Dillard having each received all the votes cast for judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals, the Corporation Courts of the cities of Roanoke and Bristol, and the Ninth, Twelfth, Twenty-third and Thirtieth Judicial Circuits, respectively, were declared by THE SPEAKER duly elected judges of the respective courts for the terms for which they were severally and respectively nominated and voted for.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. ROLSTON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908.

By MR. COMMINS: A bill to repeal an act approved February 19, 1896, entitled an act to constitute capitation tax a lien on real estate owned by the person at the time such capitation tax is assessed, as amended by an act approved December 3, 1903.

By MR. JOHNSON: A bill to provide for a tax ticket to be made out by county and city treasurers against each person assessed on the land books; to prescribe the form of such ticket; to provide for the entry of credits thereon, and when fully paid that it shall be receipted by the treasurer and delivered to the person so assessed.

By MR. JOHNSON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 464 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the form of land book; to amend and re-enact section 465 of the Code of Virginia, relating to what the table of lands in counties and towns shall contain; and to repeal section 466 of the Code of Virginia, relating to what the table of town lots shall contain.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the Calendar.

No. 2. House bill to collect capitation taxes that are three years

or more past due, having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. PENNINGTON moved to amend by adding after the word "required" in line 25, the following: "To be paid out of the State treasury;" which was agreed to.

MR. MYERS moved to amend by adding: "Provided, however, that the name of the same person shall not appear oftener than once on any one list submitted under the provisions of this act;" which was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

MR. CHALKLEY moved that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet Monday at twelve M.; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. BUCK, a member of the House from Washington county.

On motion of Mr. MEETZE, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

STAUNTON, VA., January 16, 1915.

E. P. Cox, *Esq.*,  
*House of Delegates.*

MY DEAR MR. COX:

Please express to the House of Delegates of Virginia my grateful appreciation of the beautiful flowers which they sent—a worthy expression of their esteem for Mr. Echols—and of their sympathy with his family.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET Y. ECHOLS.

MR. TIFFANY offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That consent be given for the introduction and consideration of the following bills:

A bill to provide a special road law for the county of Fauquier; to provide for the working and keeping in repair of the public roads

in said county, and to create separate district road boards in each of the several magisterial districts thereof; to authorize the erection of toll gates and the collection of tolls upon certain public roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and correction of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said counties.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled "an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Stuart, in the county of Patrick, approved November 22, 1884," which was approved March 11, 1910.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to provide for the revision, codification and indexing, with suitable marginal citations and references, of the statute law of Virginia; for the printing, publication and disposition thereof; to appoint commissioners therefor and fix their compensation; to provide for the necessary clerical assistance to said commissioners, and to appropriate the necessary funds for said work, approved March 21, 1914."

A bill to create for the county of Norfolk a commission of roads and bridges, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission, and thereby to provide for controlling, constructing and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges within said county, and for acquiring, establishing, altering and vacating roads and bridges therein; and to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county," approved February 18, 1890, as amended by acts approved February 26, 1908, and March 14, 1910, respectively, and also to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county," approved February 21, 1894.

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow the sum, not to exceed \$250,000, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in the said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries; to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispend the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint members of said commission.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize any railroad company, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, to construct, purchase or take a lease of any railroad not exceeding 25 miles in length, which will furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation



of traffic," approved March 5, 1908, so as to authorize the construction, purchase or lease of a railroad, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, not exceeding forty miles in length, to furnish a cut-off or a connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 4 of an act entitled "an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State Corporation Commission," approved March 27, 1914, providing for the expense incurred in the execution of said act and making appropriations therefor.

A bill to incorporate the town of Brodnax, in Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia.

A bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Boteourt county to erect and maintain toll gates on the macadamized roads of said county.

A bill to amend and re-enact chapter 5 of an act approved January 29, 1896, entitled "an act to consolidate in one act all acts creating and amending the charter of the city of Lynchburg, and to create a new charter for said city."

A bill to authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County to erect toll-gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rockbridge and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

A bill to provide a road board for Capeville Magisterial District, in Northampton County, to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Northampton County to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville District, and to repeal previous acts; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. TIFFANY carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. FLETCHER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

Mr. Meetze offered the following resolution:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the beloved wife of our honored and esteemed associate, the HON. BERKELEY D. ADAMS; and

Whereas our hearts go forth in sympathy to him in this hour of bereavement; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sympathy of this House is extended to our esteemed colleague in this sad moment of his affliction; and,

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of this House and also communicated to the HON. BERKELEY D. ADAMS, and that when the House do adjourn today, it shall do so as a token of respect to him; which was agreed to.

MR. BROWN was granted one day leave of absence on motion of MR. NORRIS.

The following were presented and referred, under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. TIFFANY: A bill to provide a special road law for the county of Fauquier; to provide for the working and keeping in repair of the public roads in said county, and to create separate district road boards in each of the several magisterial districts thereof; to authorize the erection of toll-gates and the collection of tolls upon certain public roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and collection of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said counties.

By MESSRS. DUKE and FEREBEE: A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Norfolk County to borrow a sum not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk County ferries; to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the Circuit Court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission.

By MESSRS. DUKE and FEREBEE: A bill to create for the county of Norfolk a commission of roads and bridges, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission, and thereby to provide for controlling, constructing and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges within said county, and for acquiring, establishing, altering and vacating roads and bridges therein; and to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county," approved February 18, 1890, as amended by acts approved February 26, 1908, and March 14, 1910, respectively, and also to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county," approved February 1, 1904.

By MR. ROLSTON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time in the counties of Rockingham and Page.

By MR. ROBERTSON: A bill to provide a road board for Capeville Magisterial District in Northampton County, to authorize the Board

of Supervisors of Northampton to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville District, and to repeal previous acts.

By MR. WHITE: A bill to authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rockbridge, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

By MR. BARLEY: A bill to authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt County to erect and maintain toll-gates on the macadamized roads of said county.

By MR. DALTON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled "an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Stuart, in the county of Patrick, approved November 22, 1884," which was approved March 11, 1910.

By MR. SPATIG: A bill to incorporate the town of Brodnax, in Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. REED: A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 17, 1910, to allow the land assessors of the State further time in which to make their returns for the year 1910, and making certain provisions for the review, revision and correction of their assessments under certain conditions.

By MR. PENNINGTON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 437 of the Code of Virginia relating to assessors of real estate, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 10, 1903, to amend and re-enact section 441 of the Code of Virginia relating to the assessment of lands and improvements, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved December 10, 1903, to amend and re-enact section 448 of the Code of Virginia relating to commissioners of the revenue, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 25, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 22, 1894, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved April 20, 1903, and to add section 44-a, fixing the minimum rate at which real estate may be assessed after assessment shall have been made under this act and taxes assessed thereon.

By MR. WHITE: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize the sale of lots purchased by the Commonwealth for delinquent taxes and not redeemed within four years or more, approved February 23, 1906."

By MR. WHITE: A bill to amend and re-enact section 661 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted, so as to provide that when the Commonwealth sells lands for the delinquent taxes the deed shall carry all the title that the Commonwealth had at the time of sale.



To the Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries:

By MR. DANIEL of *Middlesex*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 37 of chapter 343 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia of 1910, entitled an act to revise, arrange, amend and consolidate into one act certain laws relating to fish, clams, crabs and other shell-fish, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts of the General Assembly, and any section or sections of the Code of Virginia in conflict with the provisions of this act, approved March 17, 1910.

To the Committee for Courts of Justice:

By MESSRS. WILLIAMS and ROBERTSON: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to provide for the revision, codification and indexing, with suitable marginal citations and references, of the statute law of Virginia; for the printing, publication and disposition thereof; to appoint commissioners therefor and to fix their compensation; to provide for the necessary clerical assistance to said commissioners, and to appropriate the necessary funds for said work, approved March 21, 1914."

To the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation:

By MR. WINSTON: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize any railroad company, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, to construct, purchase or take a lease of any railroad, not exceeding twenty-five miles in length, which will furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic," approved March 5, 1908, so as to authorize the construction, purchase or lease of a railroad, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, not exceeding forty miles in length, to furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

No. 2. House bill to collect capitation taxes that are three years or more past due was read at length a third time and passed—yeas, 60; nays, 16.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Green, Gregory, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Land, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, White, Woodward—60.

NAYS—Messrs. Buck, Easley, Field, Grant, Grasty, Gordon, Johnson, Jordan, Leedy, Spatig, Taylor, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—16.

MR. LOWRY moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

No. 1. House bill to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes, to ascertain the liens on delinquent lands, and to sell lands to satisfy the liens of delinquent taxes; to ascertain omitted lands, and to provide further penalties upon delinquent taxpayers, having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. WOODWARD moved that the bill be passed by until Friday, 22nd; which was agreed to.

No. 3. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½-a, 46½-b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51-a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118-a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, having been printed, came up.

MR. HOUSTON moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 77; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gordon, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—77.

MR. HOUSTON moved that the bill be taken up and considered section by section; which was agreed to.

MR. HOUSTON moved to pass by sections 45 and 46.

Peddler's license: MR. FIELD moved to amend, by striking out the words "upon the presentation to him of the certificate of the

county or city treasurer that the license tax has been paid to him," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Upon payment to him of the license tax required;" which was rejected.

MR. DANIEL moved to strike out all words in lines 6, 7, 8 and 9 and down to the word "peddling" in line 10, striking out the tax on ice, wood, etc.; which was rejected.

Land agents: MR. HORNER moved severally to amend sections 54 and 55 as follows: Page 20, section 54, line 2, strike out "lands" and insert "real estate," and substitute "real estate" for "land" throughout sections 54 and 55; which was severally amended.

MR. WOODWARD moved to amend section 55 as follows: Page 21, strike out section 55, and in lieu thereof insert the following: A land agent shall pay for the privilege of selling lands entrusted to him for sale the sum of \$15.00; provided, however, that if his place of business is in a town or city of 5,000 inhabitants or more, he shall pay the additional sum of \$10.00; which was rejected.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend section 55, line 17, after the word "thereof," add: "provided, however, this act shall not be construed to permit any person not an actual participating member of such firm, or a salaried clerk in the employ of such firm, to make sales under the license issued to any firm"; which was agreed to.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the House, on motion of MR. CLEMENTS, adjourned in respect to MR. ADAMS, the member from Charlotte.

EDWIN P. COX,  
*Speaker.*

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. H. D. C. Maclachlan, D. D., pastor of Seventh Street Christian Church.

On motion of MR. BARLEY, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

No. 4. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to provide for the revision, codification and indexing, with suitable marginal citations and references, of the statute law of Virginia; for the printing, publication and disposition thereof, to appoint commis-



sioners therefor and fix their compensation; to provide for the necessary clerical assistants to said commissioners; and to appropriate the necessary funds for the said work, approved March 21, 1914," having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee for Courts of Justice.

No. 5. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize any railroad company, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, to construct, purchase or take a lease of any railroad, not exceeding twenty-five miles in length, which will furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic," approved March 5, 1908, so as to authorize the construction, purchase or lease of a railroad, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, not exceeding forty miles in length, to furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

No. 6. House bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth Street in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge, with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission; to define its powers and duties; to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

A bill to provide a road board for Capeville Magisterial District, in Northampton County, to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Northampton County to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville District, and to repeal previous acts, having been considered by Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

**HUGH A. WHITE**, *Chairman.*

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rockbridge, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by the land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time in the counties of Rockingham and Page, having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Botetourt county to erect and maintain toll gates on the macadamized roads of said county, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to create for the county of Norfolk a commission of roads

and bridges, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission, and thereby to provide for controlling, constructing and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges within said county, and for acquiring, establishing, altering and vacating roads and bridges therein; and to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads of Norfolk County," approved February 18, 1890, as amended by acts approved February 26, 1908, and March 14, 1910, respectively, and also to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads of Norfolk County," approved February 1, 1914, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Norfolk County to borrow a sum not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk County ferries; to provide for the payment of said bonds; to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the Circuit Court of said County, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled "an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Stuart, in the county of Patrick, approved November 22, 1884," which was approved March 11, 1910, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:



The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman.*

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to provide a special road law for the county of Fauquier; to provide for the working and keeping in repair of the public roads in said county, and to create separate district road boards in each of the several magisterial districts thereof; to authorize the erection of toll-gates and the collection of tolls upon certain public roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and collection of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said counties, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman.*

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to incorporate the town of Brodnax, in Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman.*

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

MR. JORDAN offered the following resolution:

Whereas the House has heard with sorrow of the sudden death of its Engrossing Clerk, John Thompson Loving of Pulaski, who, for the last twenty-eight years has been a faithful and efficient officer of this body; and

Whereas it is the wish of this body that a permanent memorial be made of the high esteem and love and respect in which he has always been held; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the Journal of this House; that a copy be furnished the family of this worthy officer; that a suitable floral tribute be provided; that THE SPEAKER appoint a committee to accompany his remains to their last resting-place, and that when this House adjourn this day, it adjourn in respect to his memory; which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BLANKS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate of Virginia (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission is hereby granted for the introduction of a bill repealing the charter of the dispensary located at Boynton, Virginia, in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

On motion of MR. LEWIS the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. LEWIS inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

House bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, was presented by MR. WEAVER of Warren, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. WEAVER of Warren moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the consideration of the bill, and to consider the same as if reported; which motion was agreed to—yeas, 84; nays, 4.

The vote required by section 50 of the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gordon, Gunn, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. C. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—84.

NAYS—Messrs. Browning, Clement, Green, Walton—4.

The bill (House Bill No. 8) was placed on the calendar.

MR. MONTAGUE moved that 1,000 extra copies of No. 8 House bill be printed.

MR. GREGORY moved to amend by adding 1,000 extra copies of No. 7 House Bill, which was agreed to. The motion as amended was agreed to.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the consideration of House bill to provide for a State board of taxation, to define its powers and duties, and to prescribe the duties of certain officers of the several counties and cities of the State in relation thereto, and to consider the same as if reported; which was rejected—yeas, 34; nays, 52.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Birrell, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clement, Dalton, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Reed, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Steck, White, Willis, Woodward—34.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gregory, Gordon, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Noland, Norris, Oliver Powell, Price, Rew, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—52.

MR. GORDON offered the following joint resolution:

Whereas the General Assembly of Virginia realizes that the demand of the people of Virginia for tax reform is not a demand for increased taxation, much less for extravagant expenditures; and

Whereas the present revenues are believed to be adequate; there should be strictly limited to the necessities of the government, prudently and economically administered; and,

Whereas, the present revenues are believed to be adequate; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That in proposing changes in the present tax system of Virginia it is not proposed to raise a greater revenue than at present collected; and should the system which is adopted at this extraordinary session, either through increased assessments or through greater efficiency in the collection of taxes, yield a greater amount of revenue than at present collected, then some plan should be devised at this session of the Legislature to decrease the rate of taxation in the same proportion that values are increased, in order to produce the revenue now collected; believing that future legislatures will provide necessary revenue for all legitimate purposes; which was agreed to.



Ordered that MR. GORDON carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

House bill for the payment of contingent and incidental expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly and to appropriate money for the same, was presented by MR. BREWER, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 4. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to provide for the revision, codification and indexing, with suitable marginal citations and references, of the statute law of Virginia, for the printing, publication and disposition thereof, to appoint commissioners therefor and fix their compensation; to provide for the necessary clerical assistants to said commissioners, and to appropriate the necessary funds for the said work, approved March 21, 1914."

No. 5. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize any railroad company, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, to construct, purchase or take a lease of any railroad, not exceeding twenty-five miles in length, which will furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic," approved March 5, 1908, so as to authorize the construction, purchase or lease of a railroad, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, not exceeding forty miles in length, to furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic.

No. 6. House bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth Street, in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge, with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882.

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission; to define its powers and duties; to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act.

No. 8. House bill to segregate, for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present

State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property.

The consideration of No. 3, House bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½-a, 46½-b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51-a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118-a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, was resumed.

License to retailers of tobacco: MR. GREGORY moved to amend section 68, page 28, by adding at end of section, "but no license under this section shall be required of any person who has a merchant's license."

MR. CLEMENTS offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute, as follows: Line 7, after the word "purchase," add: "but the purchases of tobacco shall not be included in report of purchases of other goods"; which was rejected.

The amendment offered by MR. GREGORY was agreed to.

MR. ROBERTSON moved to reconsider the vote by which MR. GREGORY's amendment was agreed to; which was rejected.

Civil and electrical engineers: MR. GORDON moved to amend line 3, after the word "engineering" add the words "or surveying"; which was agreed to.

MR. SPESSARD moved to amend by adding at end of section the following: "Provided, nothing in this act shall apply to county surveyor whose income from his profession does not amount to \$500;" which was rejected.

Pending the further consideration of the bill the House, on motion of MR. OLIVER, adjourned in respect to the memory of the Engraving Clerk of the House, John Thompson Loving.

EDWIN P. COX,  
*Speaker.*

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. A. B. PHILPOTT, member from Henry County.

On motion of MR. SPATIG, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, January 19, 1915.*

The Senate has passed Senate bills entitled:

No. 27. An act to repeal an act approved February 19, 1896, entitled an act to constitute capitation tax a lien on real estate owned by the person at the time such capitation tax is assessed, as amended by an act approved December 3, 1903; and

No. 28. An act authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth Street, in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

O. V. HANGER, *Clerk of Senate.*

No. 27. Senate bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 28. Senate bill was referred to the Committee for Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 9. House bill to provide for the payment of contingent and incidental expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly, and to appropriate money for the same, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

The following House bills having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation:

No. 10. House bill to authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of Botetourt County to erect and maintain toll-gates on the macadamized roads of said county.



No. 11. House bill to authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rockbridge, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

No. 12. House bill to provide a special road law for the county of Fauquier; to provide for the working and keeping in repair of the public roads in said county, and to create separate district road boards in each of the several magisterial districts thereof; to authorize the erection of toll-gates and the collection of tolls upon certain public roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and collection of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violations thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said county and to validate the official acts of certain officers under laws heretofore in effect in said county.

No. 13. House bill to provide a road board for Capeville Magisterial District, in Northampton County; to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Northampton County to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville District and to repeal previous acts.

No. 14. House bill to create for the county of Norfolk a commission of roads and bridges and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission and thereby provide for controlling, constructing and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges within said county, and for acquiring, establishing, altering and vacating roads and bridges therein, and to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk County," approved February 18, 1890, as amended by acts approved February 26, 1908, and March 14, 1910, respectively, and also to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk County," approved February 1, 1894.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 15. House bill to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled "an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Stuart, in the county of Patrick, approved November 22, 1884," which was approved March 11, 1910.

No. 16. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk County ferries; to provide

for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the Circuit Court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission.

No. 17. House bill to incorporate the town of Brodnax, in Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia.

The following House bills having been considered by the committee in session were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 18. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908.

No. 19. House bill to amend and re-enact section 661 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted, so as to provide that when the Commonwealth sells lands for delinquent taxes the deed shall carry all the title that the Commonwealth had at the time of the sale.

No. 20. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize the sale of lots purchased by the Commonwealth for delinquent taxes and not redeemed within four years or more," approved February 23, 1906.

No. 21. House bill to provide for the taxation of bonds, notes and other evidences of debt of individuals or corporations, and all other demands and claims, however evidenced, representing the principal debt or obligation, secured by deed of trust, mortgage or vendor's lien on real estate or personal property, situated or located in this State, the due date of which is five years or less.

MR. WEAVER of Warren moved that 500 copies of the tables upon partial segregation be printed, which was agreed to.

MR. SPATIG offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That consent be and the same is hereby given for the introduction and consideration of the following bills:

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize and empower the Board of Supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000 in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company," approved January 30, 1914; to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said

act; to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds, or registered bonds, as provided in said act, in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company; and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said act approved January 30, 1914.

A bill to repeal an act entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Goshen, in the county of Rockbridge, approved March 4, 1884.

A bill to establish a ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland County, at or near Coan Wharf; which was agreed to.

Ordered that Mr. SPATIG carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

House bill to amend and re-enact section 17, in reference to tax on banks and trust and security companies, of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled "an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution", was presented, under Rule 37, by Mr. MONTAGUE and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

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roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and collection of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said county, and to validate the official acts of certain officers under laws heretofore in effect in said county.

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when the Commonwealth sells land for delinquent taxes, the deed shall carry all the title that the Commonwealth had at the time of the sale.

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No. 21. House bill to provide for the taxation of bonds, notes and other evidences of debt of individuals or corporations, and all other demands and claims, however evidenced, representing the principal debt or obligation, secured by deed of trust, mortgage or vendor's lien on real estate or personal property, situated or located in this State, the due date of which is five years or less.

The further consideration of No. 3, House bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½-a, 46½-b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51-a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68; 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85; 86; 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118-a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, was resumed.

Hobby-horse machines, etc.: MR. PITTS moved to amend section 110, after the words "ferris-wheel" add "coaster, loop-the-loop"; which was agreed to.

Attorneys at law: MR. DANIEL moved to strike out all of the sentence, line 15, and make the sentence read "every attorney at law a revenue license;" which was rejected.

MR. OLIVER moved to amend line 4 by striking out the words "provided, that no attorney at law shall be required to pay more than fifteen dollars whose receipts are less than five hundred dollars per annum;" which was agreed to.

MR. LEEDY moved to amend section 115, line 6, after the word "Commonwealth" add the words: "or perform other professional services which require legal knowledge;" which was rejected.

Dentists: MR. WHITE moved to amend section 117, line 9, by striking out the words "and shall be debarred from recovering any compensation for such services by action, suit, motion or warrant in any of the courts of the Commonwealth;" which was agreed to.

Venders of medicines, salves, etc.: MR. FIELD moved to amend section 120, line 2, after the word "linament," add "extracts, flavoring lotions, proprietary preparations or any articles, materials"; which was agreed to.

Daguerrean and photograph artists: MR. DALTON moved to amend section 122, line 3: Strike out "ten dollars" and insert "five dollars;" which was rejected.

MR. WEAVER of Warren moved that when the House adjourn this day, it adjourn to meet at ten A. M. until further ordered; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. WEAVER of Warren, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. T. A. Smoot, of Centenary M. E. Church, South.

On motion of MR. KENT, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

MR. HUFF offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That consent is hereby given to the introduction of a bill amending the road law for Washington county; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. HUFF carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

MR. GORDON offered the following resolution:

Whereas the Joint Committee on Tax Revision, at pages 133 and 134 of their report, suggests that the franchise tax of one per cent. upon the gross earnings of railroads is of doubtful constitutionality under recent decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States; and

Whereas the said committee recommends the repeal of this tax; and it becomes important for this House to be informed as to the legal status of this tax; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Attorney General of Virginia be, and he is hereby requested to report to the House as promptly as he can whether, in his opinion, this tax is constitutional, giving the authorities upon which he bases his conclusions; which was agreed to.



A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BLANKS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to House joint resolution relating to the introduction and consideration of the following bills:

A bill relating to a \$57,000 bond issue of Brunswick County.

A bill to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Goshen in the county of Rockbridge.

A bill to establish a ferry across Coan river in Northumberland county.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. LESNER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission is hereby granted for the introduction of the following bills:

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly approved respectively April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 15, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk county, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. SAUNDERS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission be granted to offer a bill in both bodies amending and re-enacting section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled "an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 4, 1908, entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of each county, and the councils of each city in the State, to make

a special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers, in their respective counties and cities; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. BOWERS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate of Virginia (the House of Delegates concurring), That in view of the inability of Captain S. R. Donohoe, a member of the Tax Committee of Revision, to address the members of the General Assembly on a former day of its session, it now requests him to address the General Assembly at as early a date as possible, and the Clerks of both Houses are directed to notify Captain Donohoe forthwith of the adoption of this resolution; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

MR. MYERS was granted indefinite leave of absence on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. HOBSON.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. MONTAGUE: A bill to amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to revenue derived from State depositories.

By MR. LEEDY: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1912.

To the Committee on Insurance and Banking:

By MR. SPESSARD: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1169-b of "an act to amend and re-enact sections 1164, 1168, 1169, 1170 and 1171 of the Code of Virginia, and to add independent sections thereto, so as to provide for the examination of banks and other similar institutions in this State, and to make certain general provisions, and for the conduct of the business of banking, and to provide penalties for the violations of the provisions hereof, approved March 17, 1910."

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MESSRS. WHITE and STEPHENSON: A bill to repeal an act entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Goshen, in the county of Rockbridge, approved March 4, 1884."

By MESSRS. HUFF and BUCK: A bill to amend and re-enact an act to amend and re-enact section 4 of an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds and to build bridges and macadamized roads of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of the said county to vote on the question as amended, approved March 20, 1914, and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote upon the question of issuing bonds.

By MR. BROWN: A bill to establish a ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland county, at or near Coan wharf.

By MR. SPATIG: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000 in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company," approved January 30, 1914; to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said act; to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds, or registered bonds, as provided in said act, in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company; and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said act approved January 30, 1914.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the Calendar.

The further consideration of—

No. 3. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½a, 46½b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to



raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; was resumed.

Soft drinks: MR. LAND moved to amend section 113½, paragraph 2, by striking out the words: "provided, however, that nothing in this act shall apply to the manufacture or sale of cider which is pure juice of the apple."

MR. NORRIS moved as a substitute that only the words "for sale" be stricken out; which was agreed to.

The amendment proposed by MR. LAND was rejected.

MR. JOHNSON moved to amend section 113½, line 2: after the word "of" strike out the words "five hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one thousand;" which was rejected.

MR. ROBERTSON moved to amend section 113½, line 7: after the word "fountain" add the words: "and for the sale of coca-cola and like preparations at fountains an additional license tax of \$5.00, and for the sale of coca-cola and like preparations in bottles a license of \$2.50 for each firm so engaged."

MR. JOHNSON moved to amend the amendment proposed by MR. ROBERTSON as follows: "Strike out the words 'like preparation' in each case and insert 'such drinks as contain over 2 per cent. caffen';" which was rejected.

The amendment proposed by MR. ROBERTSON was rejected—yeas, 42; nays, 47.

On motion of MR. ROBERTSON the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Grant, Gordon, Harris, Harrison, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Land, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Tiffany, Walton, White, Winston and Mr. Speaker—42.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Cousins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Franklin, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Massie, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Norris, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Spessard, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Woodward—47.

MR. WOODWARD severally moved to amend as follows: Line 4, strike out the word "ten" and insert in lieu thereof the word "five." Line 6, strike out the word "five" and insert in lieu thereof the word \$2.50; which were severally rejected.

MR. DANIEL of *Middlesex* moved to amend as follows: Line 10, after the words "thirty dollars" add the words "provided that bot-

tlers of soda water and other soft drinks, located in the country, shall pay a license tax of ten dollars; which was rejected.

MR. LAND moved to amend as follows: Add at end of paragraph 2 the words, "except when manufactured to be sold as a beverage;" which was agreed to.

Merchants License: Sections 45 and 46.

MR. STEARNES moved severally to amend section 46, line 8, by striking out the word "wholesale," and in line 9 the words "as defined in section 45;" which were severally agreed to.

MR. STEARNES moved to amend section 46 by adding after line 66 on page 8, "every merchant, firm, company or corporation engaged in the business of a merchant, in order to take out a license under the provisions of this act, shall keep a daily record of purchases in a book to be provided for the purpose by the said merchant, which book shall be open for inspection at all times by the county or city officers whose duties are the assessment and collection of taxes, and by any citizen who may be appointed for the purpose of the examination of said books by the judge of the circuit or hustings court of any county or city.

Any merchant, firm, company or corporation failing to keep a record of his purchases, or to declare the full amount of his purchases as above defined, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of said merchant's license for the following year, shall pay a fine of double the amount of the excess taxes that may be found to be due under the provisions of this act;" which was agreed to—yeas, 48; nays, 39.

On motion of MR. STEARNES, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clements, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Grant, Gregory, Gordon, Harrison, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Stearnes, Stephenson, Terrell, Tiffany, White, Willis and Mr. Speaker—48.

NAYS—Messrs. Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Easley, Field, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Land, Lewis, Malbon, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spesard, Stubbs, Taylor, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston—39.

On motions severally made by MESSRS. EASLEY, OLIVER and STEARNES, sections 45 and 46 were severally amended as follows:

On page 3, section 45, in line 2, strike out the words "wholesale or retail."

On page 5 strike out all of lines 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41, and in section 46 strike out all down to and including line 7.

On page 5, after the caption thereof, in line 8, strike out the word "wholesale."

MESSRS. EASLEY, OLIVER and STEARNES severally moved to amend as follows:

On page 5, section 46, in line 11, after the word "follows," strike out the words "if the amount of," and on page 6 strike out all of lines 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

"If the amount of purchases shall not exceed one thousand dollars, the amount shall be five dollars. When purchases exceed one thousand dollars but do not exceed two thousand dollars, the amount shall be ten dollars; and for all purchases over two thousand dollars and less than fifty thousand dollars, there shall be paid twenty cents on the one hundred dollars, and upon all the purchases over fifty thousand dollars, there shall be paid ten cents on every hundred dollars in excess of fifty thousand dollars."

MR. CHALKLEY moved severally to amend as follows:

After the words "two thousand" strike out the words "and less than fifty thousand," and after the words "one hundred dollars" strike out the words "and upon all purchases over fifty thousand dollars there shall be paid ten cents on every hundred dollars in excess of fifty thousand dollars;" which were severally agreed to.

The amendment as amended was agreed to.

MR. REED moved to amend section 46, after the words "one hundred dollars," insert the following: "Provided that should the said tax of five dollars on amount of purchases not exceeding two thousand dollars be less than three per cent. of the annual rent or rental value of the premises occupied by said merchant, then the tax to be paid by such merchant shall be a sum equal to three per cent. of the annual rent or rental value of the premises occupied by him, it or them; said rent or rental value to be ascertained from a sworn statement of the merchant paying the license tax;" which was rejected.

MR. GORDON moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which was agreed to.

The motion of MR. REED was agreed to.

MR. REED moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; which was rejected.

MR. REED moved to amend section 46 as follows: By inserting after the words "one hundred dollars" on page 6, line 16, the words "provided the tax imposed on said purchases up to fifty thousand dollars shall not be less than three per cent. of the annual rent or rental value of the premises occupied by said merchant, said rent or rental value to be ascertained from sworn statement of said merchant;" which was rejected.



MR. NORRIS moved to amend section 46, page 7, line 46. After the word "year" insert the following: "after deducting the actual existing indebtedness of the said business;" which was agreed to.

MR. MONTAGUE moved severally to amend section 46 as follows:

Page 6, line 29, after the words "payment of," insert "city," and after the word "road" the words "or other," and after the word "usual" in line 32, insert the word "city," and after the word "road" in line 32 insert the words "or other;" which were severally agreed to.

MR. STUBBS moved to dismiss the bill; which was rejected.

On motion of MR. WEAVER of *Warren* the bill was passed by.

The following House bills having been printed, were read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed:

No. 4. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to provide for the revision, codification and indexing, with suitable marginal citations and references, of the statute law of Virginia; for the printing, publication and disposition thereof; to appoint commissioners therefor and fix their compensation; to provide for the necessary clerical assistance to said commissioners; and to appropriate the necessary funds for said work, approved March 31, 1914.

No. 6. House bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth Street in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882.

No. 9. House bill to provide for the payment of contingent and incidental expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly, and to appropriate money for the same.

No. 10. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Botetourt county to erect and maintain toll gates on the macadamized roads of said county.

No. 11. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rockbridge county to erect toll gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rockbridge, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

No. 12. House bill to provide a special road law for the county of Fauquier; to provide for the working and keeping in repair of the public roads in said county, and to create separate district road boards in each of the several magisterial districts thereof; to authorize the erection of toll gates and the collection of tolls upon certain

public roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and collection of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said county, and to validate the official acts of certain officers under laws heretofore in effect in said county.

No. 13. House bill to provide a road board for Capeville magisterial district in Northampton county, to authorize the board of supervisors of Northampton county, to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville district and to repeal previous acts.

No. 14. House bill to create for the county of Norfolk a commission of roads and bridges, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission, and thereby to provide for controlling, constructing and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges within said county, and for acquiring, establishing, altering and vacating roads and bridges therein; and to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county," approved February 18, 1890, as amended by acts approved February 26, 1908, and March 14, 1910, respectively, and also to repeal an act entitled "an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county," approved February 1, 1894.

No. 15. House bill to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled "an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Stuart, in the county of Patrick, approved November 22, 1884," which was approved March 11, 1910.

No. 16. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries; to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission.

No. 17. House bill to incorporate the town of Brodnax, in Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia.

MR. OLIVER moved that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock, A. M.

On motion of MR. OLIVER the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. T. A. Smoot, D. D., of Centenary M. E. Church, South.

On motion of MR. MEETZE, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, January 21, 1915.*

The Senate have passed Senate bill entitled "an act to amend and re-enact chapter V of an act approved January 29, 1896, entitled an act to consolidate in one act all acts creating and amending the charter of the city of Lynchburg, and to create a new charter for said city," No. 29. In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

O. V. HANGER, *Clerk.*

No. 29. Senate bill was referred to the Committee for Counties, Cities and Towns.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 22. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time in the counties of Rockingham and Page.

No. 23. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 117 and 118 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1904, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended by an act which became a law March 20, 1914, without the Governor's approval, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 117 and 118 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the govern-



ment and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution; with recommendation that it do not pass.

A bill to establish a ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland county, at or near Coan wharf, having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act to amend and re-enact section four of an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges in the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds and to build bridges and macadamize the roads of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of the said county to vote on the question as amended, approved March 20, 1914, and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote upon the question of issuing bonds, having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to repeal an act entitled "an act to incorporate the town of Goshen, in the county of Rockbridge, approved March 4, 1884," having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Leg-

isolation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000 in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company," approved January 30, 1914, to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said act, to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds, or registered bonds, as provided in said act, in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said act approved January 30, 1914, having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission is hereby granted for the introduction of the following bills:

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved

April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly approved, respectively, April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 15, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk, as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the circuit court of Norfolk county, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WOODWARD inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission be granted to offer a bill in both bodies amending and re-enacting section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled "an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 4, 1908, entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of each county, and the councils of each city in the State, to make a special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers in their respective counties and cities; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. DANIEL of *Middlesex* inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate of Virginia (the House of Delegates concurring), That in view of the inability of Captain S. R. Donohoe, a member of the Tax Committee of Revision, to address the members of the General Assembly on a former day of its session, it now requests him to address the General Assembly at as early a date as possible, and the Clerks of both houses are directed to notify Captain Donohoe forthwith of the adoption of this resolution; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. OLIVER inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

MR. MONTAGUE offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That permission be granted for the introduction and consideration of House bill to extend to national banks the rights, powers, privi-



leges and immunities conferred upon trust companies under an act entitled "an act to provide how trust companies may be incorporated, and to provide for general powers for the purpose of doing a trust business in this State, in addition to a general banking business," approved March 27, 1914; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. MONTAGUE carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BLANKS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

MR. JOHNSON offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That permission be and same is hereby granted for the introduction and consideration of House bill to amend section 834 of the Code of Virginia reducing the allowance to the Commonwealth's attorney and clerk of Scott county; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. JOHNSON carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

MR. ROBERTSON offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That after Wednesday, January 27, 1915, no new bills shall be introduced not directly connected with the tax question; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. ROBERTSON carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HOLT, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That consent is given for the introduction of a bill looking to the construction of a bridge over Back river, in Elizabeth City county, Virginia; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House. The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. HOUSTON inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MESSRS. *Weaver of Warren*, WILLIAMS, WHITE, GORDON, OLIVER, BREWER, SPESSARD, STEPHENSON, GREGORY, HOUSTON, GRANT, GRASTY, SPATIG, REW, NORRIS, HUFF, JOHNSON, BAKER, STEARNES, TERRELL, LOVE, SMITH of *Culpeper*, SMITH of *King and Queen*, BUCK, CROCKETT, TIFFANY, BROWN, HORNER, PENNINGTON, DANIEL of *Loudoun*, BIRRELL, WILLIS, CHAPMAN, KENT,

HARRIS, HOBSON, HEFLIN, NOLAND, ROBERTSON, TAYLOR, CRAWFORD, LOONEY, WEAVER of *Grayson*, LINCOLN, FLANAGAN, EARMAN, BRANSCOMB, FRANKLIN, DUKE, HARRISON, COX and ROLSTON: A bill to provide for the review of the returns of taxpayers on intangible personal property, income and money, and to enlarge the duties of examiners of records as now defined by law, as such reviewing officers, and for their compensation; also to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to appoint such clerks, agents, and assistants as he may deem necessary for the performance of the duties herein prescribed and to provide for their compensation and expenses.

By MR. POWERS: A bill providing a tax on the sale or manufacture or bottling of coca-cola.

By MR. MONTAGUE: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to license and regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animal power, along and over public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations, and for the licensing of chauffeurs, and to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, along and over the public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe for the violation of said rules, approved March 17, 1906," as amended by an act approved March 17, 1910.

#### To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MESSRS. COX and BREWER: A bill to amend and re-enact section 4 of the act entitled "an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State Corporation Commission," approved March 27, 1914, providing for the expense incurred in the execution of said act, and making appropriations therefor.

#### To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MESSRS. WOODWARD and COUSINS: A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled "an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved,

respectively, April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 21, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 15, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk county which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906.

By MESSRS. WOODWARD and COUSINS: A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902, entitled "an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902."

To the Committee on Insurance and Banking:

By MR. MONTAGUE: A bill to extend to national banks the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred upon trust companies under an act entitled "an act to provide how trust companies may be incorporated, and to provide for general powers for the purpose of doing a trust business in this State, in addition to a general banking business, approved March 27, 1914."

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the Calendar:

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 22. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time in the counties of Rockingham and Page.

No. 23. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 117 and 118 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1904, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147 inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended by an act which became a law March 20, 1914, without the Governor's approval, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 117 and 118 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the Gov-



ernment and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution.

The further consideration of—

No. 3. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½a, 46½b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, and 142 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; was resumed.

Hotel:

MR. DANIEL *of Middlesex* moved to amend section 63, line 2: After the word "dollars," strike out all the balance; which was rejected.

MR. HEFLIN moved severally to amend section 92½, page 62: In line 12, after word "room" strike out words "and fifty cents for each bath room in said hotel."

And in line 16 after word "room" strike out the words "and twenty-five cents for each bath room in said hotel;" which were severally rejected.

MESSRS. WOODWARD and PENNINGTON severally moved to amend as follows:

Section 93, page 62: Strike out line 2 and insert in lieu thereof, "keep an eating house or house of private entertainment of more than ten rooms."

Section 94, page 62: After the word "thirty," in line 3, add the word "beds."

And in line 12, page 63, after the word "entertainment" insert "of more than ten bed rooms."

Section 95, line 2, page 63: After the word "entertainment," insert "of more than ten bed rooms."

Also strike out in line 3 the word "five" and insert the word "three;" which were severally agreed to.

Vendors of Medicine:

MR. FIELD moved to amend section 119, page 84: After the word "liniment" in line 1, add the words "extracts, flavoring lotions,

proprietary preparations or any article, material;" which was agreed to.

MR. MEETZE moved to amend section 120, line 3: After the word "business" strike out the words "one hundred" and insert in lieu thereof the word "twenty-five."

MR. SMITH, of Culpeper, moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "twenty-five" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two hundred and fifty;" which was rejected.

The amendment proposed by MR. FIELD was rejected.

Stockbrokers:

MR. GORDON moved to amend section 75, line 9: Strike out the words "except a licensed attorney at law;" which was agreed to.

MR. MONTAGUE severally moved to strike out all of section 142 relating to automobiles, etc., and the words "142" from the title; which were severally agreed to.

On motion of MR. MONTAGUE, the further consideration of the bill was passed by until tomorrow.

No. 4. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to provide for the revision, codification and indexing, with suitable marginal citations and references, of the statute law of Virginia; for the printing, publication and disposition thereof; to appoint commissioners therefor and fix their compensation; to provide for the necessary clerical assistance to said commissioners, and to appropriate the necessary funds for said work," approved March 21, 1914; came up.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to amend the bill by adding a new section, No. 16, as follows:

16. It being desirable that the changes herein made should be immediately effective in the revision of the Code, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall be in force from its passage; which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, was read at length a third time and passed—yeas, 86; nays, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price,

Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward—86.

NAYS—Mr. Powell—1.

The following House bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 6. House bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth Street in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the general assembly approved January 14, 1882—yeas, 83; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—83.

No. 9. House bill to provide for the payment of contingent and incidental expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly, and to appropriate money for the same—yeas, 82; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

No. 10. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Botetourt county to erect and maintain toll gates on the macadamized roads of said county—yeas, 82; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:



YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chapman, Clement, Cummins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

No. 11. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rockbridge county to erect toll gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rockbridge and to provide how such tolls are to be expended—yeas, 80; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—80.

No. 12. House bill to provide a special road law for the county of Fauquier; to provide for the working and keeping in repair of the public roads in said county and to create separate district road boards in each of the several magisterial districts thereof; to authorize the erection of toll gates and the collection of tolls upon certain public roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and collection of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said county, and to validate the official acts of certain officers under laws heretofore in effect in said county—yeas, 82; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Cawthorn, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land,

Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—82.

No. 13. House bill to provide a road board for Capeville magisterial district in Northampton county, to authorize the board of supervisors of Northampton county to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville district, and to repeal previous acts—yeas, 83; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Melbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—83.

No. 14. House bill to create for the county of Norfolk a commission of roads and bridges, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission, and thereby to provide for controlling, constructing and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges within said county, and for acquiring, establishing, altering, and vacating roads and bridges therein, and to repeal an act entitled “an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county,” approved February 18, 1890, as amended by acts approved February 23, 1908, and March 14, 1910, respectively, and also to repeal an act entitled “an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county,” approved February 1, 1894—yeas, 86; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—86.

No. 15. House bill to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled "an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Stuart, in the county of Patrick, approved November 22, 1884," which was approved March 11, 1910—yeas, 93; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—93.

No. 16. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries; to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission—yeas, 86; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—86.

No. 17. House bill to incorporate the town of Brodnax, in Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia—yeas 88; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, 6HJ



Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—88.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, House bills, were passed, were severally rejected.

No. 5. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize any railroad company, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, to construct, purchase or take a lease of any railroad, not exceeding twenty-five miles in length, which will furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic," approved March 5, 1908, so as to authorize the construction, purchase or lease of a railroad with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, not exceeding forty miles in length, to furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic, having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. WHITE moved to amend the bill as follows:

Strike out all of section 2 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"Any railroad accepting the provisions of this act, or taking advantage thereof by acting under it or obtaining the benefits thereof, shall be conclusively presumed to have thereby waived any and all exemptions from taxation it may have, and every non-repealable feature of its charter or charters or amendments thereof and also all exclusive rights or privileges theretofore granted to it by the General Assembly and not enjoyed by other corporations of a similar general character, and to have thereby agreed to thereafter hold its charter and franchises and all amendments thereof, under the provisions and subject to all the requirements, terms and conditions of the Constitution of Virginia, and of any laws passed in pursuance thereof, so far as the same may be applicable to such corporation;" which was agreed to.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, MR. WINSTON moved to dispense with the further reading of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 82; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley,

Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 82; nays, 0.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

MR. WINSTON moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

MR. WILLIAMS moved that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. T. A. Smoot, D. D., of Centenary M. E. Church, South.

On motion of MR. KENT, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

No. 27. Senate bill to repeal an act approved February 19, 1896, entitled an act to constitute capitation tax a lien on real estate owned by the person at the time such capitation tax is assessed, as amended by an act approved December 3, 1903, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 29. Senate bill to amend and re-enact chapter 5 of an act approved January 29, 1896, entitled an act to consolidate in one act all acts creating and amending the charter of the city of Lynchburg, and to create a new charter for said city.

No. 28. Senate bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth Street, in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 24. House bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation.

No. 25. House bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2, of an act entitled an act concerning the bureau of insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security, and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 26. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910.

No. 27. House bill to amend and re-enact section 17, in reference to tax on banks and security companies, of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution.

No. 28. House bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved Janu-



ary 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914.

No. 29. House bill to provide for the review of the returns of taxpayers on intangible personal property, income and money, and to enlarge the duties of examiners of records as now defined by law, as such reviewing officers and for their compensation; also to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to appoint such clerks, agents and assistants as he may deem necessary for the performance of the duties herein prescribed, and to provide for their compensation and expenses.

No. 30. House bill to require the actual consideration to be stated in all transfers of property by deed or other conveyance, or to be furnished to the clerk of the court, before such deed or other conveyance is admitted to record.

No. 31. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

No. 32. House bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled "an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903," approved March 17, 1910.

No. 33. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled "an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution," approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 34. House bill to amend and re-enact section 603 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended and re-enacted; with the recommendation that it do not pass.

No. 35. House bill to amend and re-enact an act to amend and re-enact section 4 of an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds and to build bridges and macadamize the roads of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of the said county to vote on the question as amended, approved March 20, 1914, and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in

order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote upon the question of issuing bonds, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

The following House bills having been considered by the Committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 36. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled "an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000, in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company," approved January 30, 1914, to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said act; to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds or registered bonds as provided in said act, in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company; and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act, in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said act approved January 30, 1914.

No. 37. House bill to establish a ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland county, at or near Coan wharf.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Insurance and Banking:

No. 38. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1169-b of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled "an act to amend and re-enact sections 1164, 1168, 1169 and 1170 and 1171 of the Code of Virginia, and to add independent sections thereto, so as to provide for the examination of banks and other similar institutions in this State, and to make certain general provisions and for the conduct of the business of banking, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof, approved March 17, 1910.

No. 39. House bill to extend to national banks the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred upon trust companies under an act entitled an act to provide how trust companies may be incorporated, and to provide for general powers for the purpose of doing

a trust business in this State, in addition to a general banking business, approved March 7, 1914.

No. 40. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to license and regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animal power, along and over public highways of this State, and to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations, and for the licensing of chauffeurs, and to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, along and over the public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe for the violation of said rules, approved March 17, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1910; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved, respectively, April 6, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 21, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 15, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk, as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman.*

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902,



entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman.*

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

House joint resolution in relation to amendment of income tax law allowing information for State use, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance.

MR. POWELL offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Virginia (the Senate concurring), That consent be given for the introduction of, and consideration of, a bill allowing the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county where they have made private subscriptions to aid in building said roads and also where they reside and habitually use less than five miles of improved roads; and

A bill allowing the county of Spotsylvania to purchase delinquent and other land for the purpose of preserving the historic landmarks of the great battlefields of said county, and also for forest preserves; and

A bill to amend chapter 142, Acts of Assembly 1914, entitled an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants, for the election of a special justice of the peace; to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace, in said cities, of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of such police justices in said cities to said civil and police justices, approved March 29, 1914; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. POWELL carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WATKINS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That consent is hereby given for the introduction and consideration

of a bill amending chapter 136 of the Acts of 1914, with reference to the working of the roads of the counties of Powhatan, Chesterfield and Goochland; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House. The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. BONIFANT inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. MAPP, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission be granted for the introduction of the following bills:

First. A bill to amend and re-enact sub-section 1 of section 1913-b of the Code of Virginia (1914) with reference to the size of barrels used for shipment of agricultural products, commonly called truck.

Second. A bill to authorize the boards of supervisors of the several counties wherein are public landings to permit the erection of small houses and wharves at said landings.

Third. A bill to authorize and direct the board of supervisors of Essex County to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914 in the county of Essex on the property in said town.

Fourth. A bill to amend the charter of the town of Tappahannock, in Essex County; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House. The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. SMITH of *King and Queen* inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to Senate joint resolution as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission is hereby given for the introduction of a bill to validate certain road bonds issued by Smyth County under an election held on December 30, 1912.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House. The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. LINCOLN inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

MR. OLIVER moved that when the House adjourn today it adjourn to meet at 12 M. on Monday next; which was agreed to.

The following were presented and referred, under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

By MR. KINSEY: A bill to amend and re-enact section 612 of the Code of Virginia.

By MR. KINSEY: A bill to amend and re-enact section 637 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 637 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1904, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 637 of the Code of Virginia in relation to clerks delivering to treasurers copy of lists of delinquent real estate, treasurers to post the same with notice of sale of lands for taxes, levies, and so forth, attached, approved February 23, 1914.

To the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

By MR. STUBBS: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 14, 1908, entitled an act to authorize supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers in their respective counties and cities.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following Senate bills were read at length a first time:

No. 27. Senate bill to repeal an act approved February 19, 1896, entitled an act to constitute capitation tax a lien on real estate owned by the person at the time such capitation tax is assessed, as amended by an act approved December 3, 1903.

No. 29. Senate bill to amend and re-enact chapter 5 of an act approved January 29, 1896, entitled an act to consolidate in one act all acts creating and amending the charter of the city of Lynchburg, and to create a new charter for said city.

No. 28. Senate bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth street in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurten-



ances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 24. House bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation.

No. 25. House bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2 of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 26. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910.

No. 27. House bill to amend and re-enact section 17, in reference to tax on banks and security companies, of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution.

No. 28. House bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914.

No. 29. House bill to provide for the review of the returns of taxpayers on intangible personal property, income and money, and to enlarge the duties of examiners of records as now defined by law, as such reviewing officers and for their compensation; also to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts to appoint such clerks, agents and assistants as he may deem necessary for the performance of the duties herein prescribed, and to provide for their compensation and expenses.

No. 30. House bill to require the actual consideration to be stated in all transfers of property by deed or other conveyance, or to be fur-

nished to the clerk of the court before such deed or other conveyance is admitted to record.

No. 31. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

No. 32. House bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, approved March 17, 1910.

No. 33. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 34. House bill to amend and re-enact section 603 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended and re-enacted.

No. 35. House bill to amend and re-enact an act to amend and re-enact section 4 of an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds and to build bridges and macadamize the roads of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of the said county to vote on the question as amended, approved March 20, 1914, and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote upon the question of issuing bonds.

No. 36. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000 in exchange for, and to raise funds to pay off, the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, approved January 30, 1914, to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said act; to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds or registered bonds as provided in said act, in

exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company; and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said act approved January 30, 1914.

No. 37. House bill to establish a ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland County, at or near Coan wharf.

No. 38. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1169-b of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and reenact sections 1164, 1168, 1169 and 1170 and 1171 of the Code of Virginia, and to add independent sections thereto, so as to provide for the examination of banks and other similar institutions in this State, and to make certain general provisions, and for the conduct of the business of banking, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof, approved March 17, 1910.

No. 39. House bill to extend to national banks the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred upon trust companies under an act entitled an act to provide how trust companies may be incorporated, and to provide for general powers for the purpose of doing a trust business in this State, in addition to a general banking business, approved March 27, 1914.

No. 40. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to license and regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animal power, along and over public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations, and for the licensing of chauffeurs, and to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, along and over the public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe for the violation of said rules, approved March 17, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1910.

No. 1. House bill to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes, to ascertain the liens on delinquent lands, and to sell lands to satisfy the liens of delinquent taxes; to ascertain omitted lands, and to provide further penalties upon delinquent taxpayers; came up.

MR. WEAVER of Warren offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the debate on House bill No. 1 be limited to to-



day, and that the vote thereon be taken immediately after the morning hour Monday; which was agreed to.

Pending the consideration of which, on motion of MR. OLIVER, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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### MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. James O'B. Hanratty, of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

On motion of MR. MEETZE, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 41. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 14, 1908, entitled an act to authorize supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers, in their respective counties and cities.

No. 42. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved, respectively, April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 21, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 14, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk, as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906.

No. 43. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March

25, 1902, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 44. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require all water companies, heat, light and power companies, and gas companies to pay a franchise tax, a property tax, and to furnish certain reports to the State Corporation Commission, approved February 26, 1910, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, and to designate said bill as section 28½ of the tax bill when so amended and re-enacted.

No. 45. House bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

No. 46. House bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908.

No. 47. House bill to amend and re-enact section 437-a of chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia, relating to assessments of mineral land and the improvements, fixtures and machinery thereon, as enacted by an act to amend and re-enact chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the assessment of lands and lots, approved December 10, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 17, 1906, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1910, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 7, 1912; with the recommendation that it do not pass.

MR. NOLAND offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That consent be, and the same is hereby, given for the introduction and consideration of House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for working of roads

of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. NOLAND carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BOWERS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

MR. HOBSON offered the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That permission be given to MR. HOBSON of *Richmond City* to introduce a bill to correct a clerical error in the appropriation bill in relation to the salaries of three firemen in the light and power plant of the Capitol and Library; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. HOBSON carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

MR. WALTON offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That permission is hereby granted for the introduction of a bill amending the Hanover road law; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WALTON carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. GRAVATT, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

MR. STUBBS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That permission be given to introduce a bill asking that an appropriation be made by the General Assembly of Virginia to appropriate \$10,000 to aid in entertaining the Confederate veterans on June 2, 3, 4, 1915, in Richmond, Virginia; and also permission be given to introduce a bill for the relief of oyster planters and tongers from Tidewater Virginia; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. STUBBS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. RINEHART, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission is hereby given to introduce a bill for the purpose of appropriating the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:



To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. POWELL: A bill to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes and levies or other lands for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks on the great battlefields of that county or for forest preserves.

By MR. WALTON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 2 of an act approved March 24, 1914, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 27, 1900, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 3, 1898, entitled an act to provide for the working and keeping in order all the public roads and bridges in the county of Hanover, and to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a road commissioner in each magisterial district in Hanover County, and to define his duties and powers, approved February 25, 1892, as well as to authorize the regulation of loads hauled over the roads in the districts of said county and to impose a penalty for the violation of such regulations.

By MR. POWELL: A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates or refunds on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county, and to those residing four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved road and limiting the toll rates.

By MR. LEEDY: A bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

By MR. NOLAND: A bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. POWERS: A bill providing for a license tax on the sale, manufacture or bottling of sa-cola, or like preparations or preparation containing the active principles of same.

To the Committee on Federal Relations and Resolutions:

By MR. HOBSON: Resolution in relation to location and additions to Richmond postoffice.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Mining:

By MR. REW: A bill to amend and re-enact sub-section 1 of section 1913-b of the Code of Virginia (1904) with reference to the size

of barrels used for shipment of agricultural products, commonly called truck.

To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MR. BREWER: A bill to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to pay the per diem, mileage, etc., of members, officers, employees, etc., of the General Assembly of Virginia now in extraordinary session.

By MR. BREWER: A bill to appropriate the sum of \$90,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount authorized by law to be paid in connection with the assessment of real estate throughout the Commonwealth required by law to be made during the year 1915.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar:

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 41. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 14, 1908, entitled an act to authorize supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers, in their respective counties and cities.

No. 42. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved, respectively, April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 21, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 14, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906.

No. 43. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902.

No. 44. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act

to require all water companies, heat, light and power companies, and gas companies to pay a franchise tax, a property tax, and to furnish certain reports to the State Corporation Commission, approved February 26, 1910, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, and to designate said bill as section 28½ of the tax bill when so amended and re-enacted.

No. 45. House bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

No. 46. House bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908.

No. 47. House bill to amend and re-enact section 437-a of chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia relating to assessments of mineral land and the improvements, fixtures and machinery thereon, as enacted by an act to amend and reenact chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the assessment of lands and lots, approved December 10, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 17, 1906, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1910, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 7, 1912.

No. 1. House bill to provide for the collection of delinquent taxes, to ascertain the liens on delinquent lands, and to sell lands to satisfy the liens of delinquent taxes; to ascertain omitted lands, and to provide further penalties upon delinquent taxpayers; came up.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows:

Page 12, section 15½: "The Attorney General shall prepare, and the Auditor shall print and furnish forms for use in such proceedings, to the end that same may be made uniform throughout the State; which was agreed to.

MR. NORRIS moved to amend as follows:

Add after word "officer," in line 8, page 12, sub-section 15, a new paragraph, as follows: "No suit in chancery shall be brought under the terms of this act except in cases where the aggregate amount of delinquent taxes against the said tract of land amounts to more than \$25, and in all cases where such aggregate amount is less than \$25,



the sale shall be conducted in accordance with the present law governing the sale of lands for delinquent taxes;" which was agreed to.

MR. PENNINGTON moved to amend as follows:

Line 10, after the word "district," add the words: "provided it appears from the said report that the probable value of said land or lots shall be equal to the costs of enforcing said lien against the same"; which was agreed to.

MR. PENNINGTON moved to amend as follows:

Section 2, line 7, page 2, after the word "completed," add: "and the probable value of such property so returned delinquent;" which was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved to amend as follows:

On page 8, in section 8, line 4, after the word "law" insert the following: "And who shall reside in such county or city;" which was agreed to.

MR. POWELL moved to amend as follows:

Page 1, line 8, after the word "law," insert the words, "residing in said county or corporation;" which was agreed to.

MR. ROBERTSON moved severally to amend as follows:

Page 4, paragraph 4, line 12, change "sixty days" to "three months"; on page 5, line 17, strike out "sixty days" and insert "three months"; same page, line 27, strike out "sixty days" and insert "three months," and on page 6, lines 1 and 2 of paragraph 5, strike out "sixty days" and insert "three months"; which motions were severally agreed to.

MR. POWELL moved to amend section 1, line 10, after the word "capitation," add the word "taxes"; which was agreed to.

Motions severally made by MESSRS. PENNINGTON, WEAVER of Warren, POWELL, OLIVER and WHITE to amend the bill were severally rejected.

MR. GORDON moved to amend as follows:

At the end of section 15, add the words: "But the provisions of this act shall not apply to any land or real property which is the subject of any action at law, or suit in equity, which has been brought to recover the same, or the possession thereof, or in which the title thereto is involved, or which has been brought by any person authorized by, or pursuant to, the provisions of section 662 of the Code of Virginia, or in which the right to redeem the same is involved, until after four months from the final determination of such suit or action;" which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to, which motion was agreed to. The amendment proposed by MR. GORDON was rejected—yeas, 38; nays, 45.

On motion of Mr. GORDON, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Clement, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Field, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Harrison, Heflin, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Tiffany, Walton, White, Winston and Mr. Speaker—38.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Branscomb, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, Crockett, Dodson, Easley, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Green, Gunn, Harvey, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Norris, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Rolston, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Rew, Robertson—45.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which motion was rejected.

MR. POWELL offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute; which was rejected.

The question being on ordering the bill to be engrossed and read a third time was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 41; nays, 43.

On motion of Mr. Chalkley, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Crockett, J. William Daniel, Easley, Fuller, Green, Gunn, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Terrell, Tiffany, Williams, Winston—41.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Birrell, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Kent, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Nelson, Noland, Powell, Powers, Price, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White and Mr. Speaker—43.

MR. WEAVER of Warren stated that he would have voted in the affirmative, but was paired with Mr. Woodward.

No. 3. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½-a, 46½-b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51-a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118-a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; was, on motion of Mr. Cox, recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

The following Senate bills were read at length a second time:

No. 27. Senate bill to repeal an act approved February 19, 1896, entitled an act to constitute capitation tax a lien on real estate owned by the person at the time such capitation tax is assessed, as amended by an act approved December 3, 1903.

No. 28. Senate bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth street, in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith, and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly, approved January 14, 1882.

No. 29. Senate bill to amend and re-enact chapter 5 of an act approved January 29, 1896, entitled an act to consolidate in one act all acts creating and amending the charter of the city of Lynchburg, and to create a new charter for said city.

MR. HORNER moved that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

MR. OLIVER moved to amend the motion by striking out the word "ten" and insert in lieu thereof the word "eleven"; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. OLIVER, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Joseph T. Watts, Sunday school secretary, Baptist General Association.

On motion of MR. BARLEY, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

No. 48. House bill to amend and re-enact sub-section 1 of section 1913-b of the Code of Virginia (1904), with reference to the size of barrels used for shipment of agricultural products, commonly called truck; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Mining.

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania Coun-



ty to give rebates or refunds on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county, and to those residing four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved road, and limiting the toll rates; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes and levies or other lands for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks on the great battlefields of that county, or for forest preserves; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 2 of an act approved March 24, 1914, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 27, 1900, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 3, 1896, entitled an act to provide for the working and keeping in order all the public roads and bridges in the county of Hanover, and to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a road commissioner in each magisterial district in Hanover County, and to define his duties and powers, approved February 25, 1892, as well as to authorize the regulation of loads hauled over the roads in the districts of said county, and to impose a penalty for the violation of such regulations; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

House resolution in relation to location and additions to Richmond postoffice, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Federal Relations and Resolutions.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

UNITED STATES SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

JANUARY 25, 1915.

JOHN W. WILLIAMS, *Esq.*,

*Clerk House of Delegates, Richmond, Va.*

DEAR MR. WILLIAMS:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter conveying to me the resolution adopted by the House of Delegates on the 13th instant. I wish you would

express to the members of the House my sincere thanks for their kind manifestation of sympathy and the tribute to the memory of Mrs. Martin. I shall ever remember the same with grateful appreciation.

With sincere regards, I am,

Your friend,

THOMAS S. MARTIN.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

FAIRFAX, VA., January 25, 1915.

*To the General Assembly of Virginia:*

I have received, with profound appreciation of the courtesy, notification of the passage of the joint resolution by the General Assembly requesting me, in view of the fact that I was unable to attend and address your honorable body on a former occasion, to address you at as early date as possible on the subject of tax reform.

This renewed invitation, I have no doubt, is due to the fact that as Dr. Thomas Walker Page and Mr. J. B. Anderson, who, like myself, were members of the Joint Committee on Tax Revision, have addressed the General Assembly in advocacy of the commission plan of taxation, it is thought proper that I, representing a different view, should be accorded a like privilege.

I deeply regretted my inability to be present when the above-named gentlemen appeared before you, but as the conditions which necessitated my absence at that time are as controlling now as on that occasion, I am still unable to respond in person to your request.

The segregation plan is so ably represented, both in the House of Delegates and in the Senate, that I am sure no extensive argument on my part is necessary to properly present it for your consideration, and that for me to enter into a lengthy discussion of the subject at this time would be a needless intrusion upon the brief session before you, which is admittedly none too long for the work which you have to do. Nevertheless, I feel that I should comply, in some small measure, with your courteous invitation, and submit, as briefly as I can, a few observations on the two systems of taxation presented for your consideration and which, I assume, are the special features upon which you would wish to hear me.

I want to pay tribute, right here, to the earnest zeal and patriotic devotion to duty, as they understand it, of every member of the Tax Committee with whom I had the honor to serve. Whatever disagreement there may have been between the members related solely to the best means to accomplish a single purpose, and what I may say in criticism of one of the plans proposed must be construed as applying to the working effect of the plan, and not, in the slightest degree, as impugning the motives of those who advocated it.

The majority report of the Joint Committee on Tax Revision involves the retention of our present system of taxation, whereby the State and its local subdivisions derive their revenue very largely from the same subjects of taxation. As the Constitution provides that all property shall be assessed at its fair market value, and the State rate of thirty-five (35) cents on the \$100 valuation being uniform throughout the Commonwealth, this theory of taxation would seem to be entirely just and equitable, but inasmuch as assessments are made by officials neither chosen nor controlled by State authority, the grossest inequalities exist in the matter of assessments, and this theory, so plausible on its face, has been productive of very harmful results. So long, therefore, as this principle of taxation is retained, just so long will our troubles continue and increase.

The majority report recommends a State tax commission composed of three members, each of whom shall receive an annual salary of \$4,000, and an appropriation of \$25,000 is asked to cover these salaries and other expenses of the commission. When you consider what this commission is expected to do, and to attempt to do, you will have no difficulty in reaching the conclusion that a sum vastly in excess of \$25,000 would soon be demanded—this proving only an entering wedge to the public treasury.



But the worst feature of this business is that after costing the State so much, the tax commission would be utterly powerless to accomplish any appreciable measure of tax reform. The report frankly admits that the commission would have no power over real estate assessments, and that "the local assessors and commissioners of the revenue are the officials selected to assess property, and the tax commission should have no power to force them to violate their judgment."

Inasmuch as unequal assessments, and particularly unequal real estate assessments, have been the prime cause of our tax troubles, and the tax commission would have no power to change them, it is hard to divine what good purpose could be subserved by the creation of this costly commission. Obviously, none whatever. If it could accomplish nothing in the way of correcting assessments and thus equalizing the tax burdens, then some other means must be found to give the tax commission a fair amount of exercise and justify its expensive existence. The scope of its activities is indicated in the majority report. The present odious system is to be encumbered with many useless and expensive features. "It should be a chief duty of the tax commission," says the report, "to spend as much time as possible with these (local) officials, consulting, instructing, encouraging and advising them." The commission, it is declared, will afford "great moral support (at great cost to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth) to men that need it in order to resist the strong pressure upon them to undervalue and show partiality."

These local officials who are supposed to act in accordance with "their judgment," are more likely to give greater heed to local sentiment, to which they are answerable, than to the "advice" and "encouragement" of a lot of wisacres going about and having a good time at public expense and who, with probably far less practical experience than the local officials, arrogate to themselves the superior wisdom which enables them to "advise, instruct and encourage." The people of Virginia, year after year, have asked for relief from the present and constantly growing intolerable conditions, and this is substantially the remedy proposed by the majority report.

We are told that tax experts in other States have worked out certain methods of tax reform which many States have adopted. Yes, some of their recommendations have been adopted and subsequently repealed or amended at the earliest possible moment as being unsatisfactory and unworkable. Each State has its own special problems, and Virginians should be able to solve this problem without following the devious paths of so-called "experts." Furthermore, what the Constitution may permit in one State may be prohibited by the Constitution of another State. The Constitution of Virginia is a bulwark against the introduction of many of the pet theories of these so-called "experts." Fortunately, they find their breakers when they strike the shores of the Old Dominion.

"Tax reform" associations, be it remembered, from which so many of these "tax experts" graduate, are not State institutions, but are maintained by voluntary contributions from generally unknown sources, and their special function seems to be to so shape legislation in the different States as to shield special interests from "unjust taxation," or any taxation whatsoever.

The segregation plan, as presented in the minority report of the Joint Committee on Tax Revision, provides, among other things, that each locality shall retain and enjoy the revenue derived from real estate and tangible personal property, which is eminently just and fair. Revenue derived exclusively from local subjects should be expended, as far as possible, for local improvements. "Persons and firms," says the report, "would be the more reconciled to an adequate assessment when they realized that the taxes would be laid out in their own sections, and a general community sentiment in favor of fair assessments could be the more readily developed." The report also states that "under segregation the inequalities in any one jurisdiction would not affect other jurisdictions or the treasury of the State," but would concern the locality alone which would have the incentive and the power to correct abuses and inequalities.

It is unnecessary to restate here the division of subjects for State and local taxation, respectively, as the plan of separation has been before you ever since your body convened.

The newspapers reported one of the speakers as saying, when he addressed your recent joint session, that the reason so many counties and cities showed gains under the segregation plan was because the State was distributing to them her surplus. He should have said it was because under segregation the State would in future release to them what she had previously most unjustly and unnecessarily taken from them. He could not have meant that the present surplus in the treasury helped to swell the undeniable gains. His splendid intellect would not lead him to such a conclusion, and his high standard of ethics would not permit him to make such an assertion. Even the sometimes inaccurate "expert" statistician from Wisconsin, with all his opposition to segregation, could not, if he tried, connect the present surplus in the State treasury, in any manner, with the gains that would result to the counties and cities from the adoption of the segregation plan. These gains are the result of a more just and equitable system of taxation than the one proposed under the tax commission plan, while, on the other hand, a big surplus in the public treasury offers an almost irresistible temptation for needless appropriations of public funds, and appeals in language stronger than words for a system of taxation that will extort from the people no more taxes than are needed for an efficient and economical administration of the government.

Segregation assures a larger measure of local control of local affairs, which would result in greater care in making assessments and a more rational adjustment of tax rates, as well as encouraging a more rigid supervision over local expenditures. While the people cheerfully pay whatever may be justly required of them for the proper and necessary expenditures of government, they should be allowed to retain in their own pockets every dollar in excess of actual governmental needs.

Under the guidance of our distinguished Governor and other able advocates of segregation, the plan may be so perfected that it will be unassailable in any respect. Its scope may be enlarged and mere details may be changed, but the great underlying principle should be preserved, to the infinite good of the Commonwealth.

Not only has our Governor thrown the weight of his great influence and wide experience in favor of genuine tax reform, but his distinguished predecessors for many years past have made ineffectual appeals to successive Legislatures for relief from the intolerable conditions that have developed under our present tax system. You have been convened in extra session to solve the great problem, and the solution, it seems to me, is clearly within your reach. It is a condition and not a theory that confronts you. Our distinguished Governor, our able and highly efficient Auditor of Public Accounts, and many others who know something of the causes of our tax troubles from experience of investigation, unhesitatingly tell you that segregation is the remedy and that no relief can be found under the commission plan, which, as before remarked, is a continuation of our present system, but rendered more objectionable by being made more expensive, more intricate and more cumbersome than ever. They tell you, and tell you aright, that by segregation a remedy is found, our tax system is simplified, and all cause of friction and complaint arising from unequal assessments will be removed. I cannot believe that their views, born of experience and knowledge of actual conditions, are to be discarded in favor of unworkable theories which could not but result in serious and disastrous consequences to the State.

Very respectfully,

S. R. DONOHUE.

On motion of Mr. OLIVER, 500 copies were ordered to be printed.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following resolution reported from the Committee on Federal Relations:



Whereas, it appears from recent publications in the newspapers of Richmond that a movement is on foot looking to a possible change in the location of the Richmond postoffice; and

Whereas, it is claimed by the advocates of the present site that if the Federal building is extended to Eleventh Street and utilized, as occasion requires, on its Bank Street level and entrances, for the receipt, forwarding and distribution of mail, that it will afford ample facilities for handling this mail with convenience and dispatch; and

Whereas, the postoffice at its present site is of great convenience to the various departments of the State government, and it is regarded as an exceedingly fortunate condition for the dispatch of public business that the Federal, State and municipal buildings are now grouped in a compact civic center in Richmond; and

Whereas, the Capitol Square is a point of widely recognized interest and beauty, the attractiveness of which is enhanced by the surrounding structures, including the Federal building, which only needs extension to Eleventh Street to complete its symmetry and make it comport in dignity and appearance with the other governmental buildings in the vicinity; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Virginia (the Senate concurring), That the Virginia delegation in Congress is requested to use their influence with the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to presently have such steps taken as may be necessary looking to the acquisition of the property east of the Federal building for the ultimate extension of that building to Eleventh Street, under the provisions of the bill approved at the last session of Congress appropriating \$450,000 for that purpose.

On motion of MR. LAND, the resolution was passed by.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates, That, commencing tomorrow, the House shall meet daily at 10 A. M., the Chair to be vacated at 2 P. M., to be resumed at 4 P. M.; which was agreed to.

MR. TIFFANY offered the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That permission is hereby granted for the introduction and consideration of the following House bills:

A bill to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912.

A bill to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the Circuit Court of Wise.



A bill allowing the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue bonds.

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county, and to those living four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved roads in said county, and limiting the toll rates on such road.

A bill to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes or other lands for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks of the great battlefields of that county, or for forest preserves.

A bill entitled an act to exempt Roanoke City from the provisions of section 3 of an act approved March 13, 1914, entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000, and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government, and to designate a time for holding elections thereunder, and to fix the terms of officers affected by this act; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. TIFFANY carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. CANNON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. CANNON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to House joint resolutions allowing the introduction and consideration of bills:

A bill to appropriate \$10,000 to aid in entertaining Confederate veterans June 2, 3 and 4, 1915.

A bill for the relief of oyster planters and tongs.

A bill for a correction of an error in the salaries of firemen.

A bill allowing the board of supervisors to give rebates on tolls on improved roads.

A bill allowing Spotsylvania to purchase delinquent lands.

A bill amending the act for the election of civil and police justices in cities of 10,000 and less than 45,000.

Also a resolution that, after Wednesday, January 27, 1915, no new bills shall be introduced not directly connected with the tax question.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. CANNON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to House joint resolution relating to the appointment of a special committee to investigate the prices of textbooks, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

On motion of MR. GUNN, the amendments as follows:

On page 1, line 18, after the word "house" insert the following: "which shall have the authority to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers"; and in line 19, strike out the word "next," and in lieu thereof insert the word "present"; were agreed to.

Ordered that MR. GUNN inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. ANDREWS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following:

A resolution giving the assent of the Legislature of Virginia to the provisions of the act of Congress of the United States, approved May 8, 1914, commonly known as the Smith-Lever Act, and to designate the institution to which is to be made the payment of certain funds appropriated by said act.

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has passed an act, approved by the President May 8, 1914, entitled an act to provide for co-operative agricultural extension work between the agricultural colleges in the several States receiving the benefits of the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, and of acts supplementary thereto, and the United States Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas, it is provided in section 3 of the act aforesaid that the grants of money authorized by this act shall be paid annually to each State which shall, by action of its Legislature, assent to the provisions of this act; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Virginia (the House of Delegates concurring), That the assent of the Legislature of the State of Virginia be, and is hereby, given to the provisions and requirements of said act, and that the trustees of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to receive the grants of money appropriated under said act, and to organize and conduct agricultural extension work, which shall be carried on in connection with the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College and Polytechnic Institute, in accordance with the terms and conditions expressed in the act of Congress aforesaid; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. GUNN inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), permission is hereby given to introduce a bill entitled:

A bill to provide for the rearrangement of voting precincts and to change the names of the same whenever, by annexation proceedings, portions of a county have been taken within a city, and providing how such proceedings shall be paid for; and

That permission is hereby given for the introduction of a bill to amend and re-enact section 164 of the Code as amended; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. GUNN inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. RISON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That leave be given to introduce a bill relating to contracts for textbooks adopted for use in the public free schools of the Commonwealth; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. GUNN inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That consent is hereby given for the introduction and consideration of a bill making valid the recordation of deeds and other writings of corporations heretofore recorded, upon certain certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by officers of such corporations; and

A bill to provide for and authorize the purchase of a suitable lot of land in close proximity to the Capitol, in the city of Richmond, for the purpose of building additional accommodations for the State offices, and to create a building committee to act for the State, and make an appropriation for same; and

A bill making valid the recordation of deeds and other writings heretofore recorded upon certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by clerks and deputy clerks of courts in any of the United States through failure to state that such deeds or other writings were acknowledged in their respective offices; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.



The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. GUNN inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MR. HOBSON: A bill to provide for extra compensation for the three firemen for the electric light and power plant for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916.

To the Committee for Courts of Justice:

By MR. MILSTEAD: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide, in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants, for the election of a special justice of the peace to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of such police justices in said cities to such civil and police justices, approved March 20, 1914.

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. WILLIS: A bill to exempt Roanoke City from the provisions of section 3 of an act approved March 13, 1914, entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government, and to designate a time for holding elections thereunder, and to fix the terms of officers affected by this act.

By MR. TIFFANY: A bill to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Mining:

By MR. STEARNES: A bill to amend and re-enact sections 1, 2, 5, 12, 15 and 16 and 19 of an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity of commercial fertilizers, and the guaranty and conditions upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties incurred for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved December 28,

1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. BROWNING: A bill to amend and re-enact section 444 of the Code of Virginia, as to how and when erroneous assessments of land corrected.

By MR. LEEDY: A bill providing for the revesting in the Commonwealth of all lands or lots sold for delinquent taxes, and making same liable to grant by warrant as in case of waste, vacant and unappropriated lands.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

No. 48. House bill to amend and re-enact subsection 1 of section 1913-b of the Code of Virginia (1904), with reference to the size of barrels used for shipment of agricultural products, commonly called truck; was read at length a first time and ordered to be printed.

No. 27. Senate bill to repeal an act approved February 19, 1896, entitled an act to constitute capitation tax a lien on real estate owned by the person at the time such capitation tax is assessed, as amended by an act approved December 3, 1903, came up.

MR. LOWRY moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "both as to capitation taxes heretofore and hereafter assessed," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "so far as innocent purchasers are concerned, without actual notice of such lien"; which was agreed to.

The amendment being presently engrossed, the bill was read at length a third time, and rejected—yeas, 22; nays, 68.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Chalkley, Cousins, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Harris, Horner, Jordan, Kent, Looney, Lowry, Montague, Oliver, Owen, Page, Powell, Taylor, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston—68.

MR. GORDON moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was rejected.

The following Senate bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 28. Senate bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth street in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge, with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith, and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882—yeas, 88; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—88.

No. 29. Senate bill to amend and re-enact chapter 5 of an act approved January 29, 1896, entitled an act to consolidate in one act all acts creating and amending the charter of the city of Lynchburg, and to create a new charter for said city—yeas, 84; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Walton, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—84.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 28 and 29 Senate bills were passed were rejected.

On motion of MR. WEAVER of Warren

No. 46. House bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908, was taken up out of its order on the calendar.

On motion of MR. WEAVER of Warren the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Finance.



The following House bills having been printed, were read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed:

No. 22. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time in the counties of Rockingham and Page.

No. 35. House bill to amend and re-enact an act to amend and re-enact section four of an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issues of bonds and to build bridges and macadamize the roads of said county and to authorize the qualified voters of the said county to vote on the question as amended, approved March 20, 1914, and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open, by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote upon the question of issuing bonds.

No. 36. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000 in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, approved January 30, 1914; to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said act; to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds, or registered bonds, as provided in said act, in exchange for, and to raise funds to pay off, the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said act, approved January 30, 1914.

No. 37. House bill to establish a ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland County, at or near Coan wharf.

No. 43. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902.

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission; to define

its powers and duties; to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

Pending the consideration of the bill, on motion of MR. HOUSTON the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1915.

Prayer by Very Rev. J. T. O'Farrell, V. G. of Sacred Heart Cathedral.

On motion of MR. SPATIG, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, January 26, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bills entitled: No. 5, an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize any railroad company, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, to construct, purchase or take a lease of any railroad, not exceeding twenty-five miles in length, which will furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic, approved March 5, 1908, so as to authorize the construction, purchase or lease of a railroad, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, not exceeding forty miles in length, to furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic; No. 6, an act authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth street, in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge, with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882; No. 14, an act to create for the county of Norfolk a commission of roads and bridges, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission, and thereby to provide for controlling, constructing and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges within said county, and for acquiring, establishing, altering and vacating roads and bridges therein, and to repeal

an act entitled an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk county, approved February 18, 1890, as amended by acts approved February 26, 1908, and March 14, 1910, respectively, and also to repeal an act entitled an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk County, approved February 1, 1894; No. 16, an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk County to borrow a sum, not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission; No. 17, an act to incorporate the town of Brodnax, in Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia.

And they have passed Senate bills entitled: No. 15, an act to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908; No. 18, an act to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2 of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof; No. 19, an act relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation; No. 22, an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 15, 1903, approved March 17, 1910; No. 32, an act to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Boynton, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and within one mile of the corporate limits of the said town, approved February 14, 1901; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

O. V. HANGER, *Clerk of Senate.*



Nos. 15, 18, 19 and 22 Senate bills were referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 32 Senate bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Senate resolution allowing the introduction of a bill appropriating fifty-five thousand dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation:

No. 49. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880.

No. 50. House bill to amend and re-enact section 2 of an act approved March 24, 1914, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 27, 1900, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 3, 1898, entitled an act to provide for the working and keeping in order all the public roads and bridges in the county of Hanover, and to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a road commissioner in each magisterial district in Hanover County, and to define his duties and powers, approved February 25, 1892, as well as to authorize the regulation of loads hauled over the roads in the districts of said county, and to impose a penalty for the violation of such regulations.

No. 51. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates or refunds on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county and to those residing four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved road, and limiting the toll rates.

No. 52. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

No. 53. House bill to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes and levies or other lands for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks on the great battlefields of that county, or for forest preserves; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act

to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to exempt Roanoke City from the provisions of section 3 of an act approved March 13, 1914, entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government, and to designate a time for holding elections thereunder, and to fix the terms of officers affected by this act; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. GUNN, LOVE and HOBSON the committee on the part of the House to investigate the school-book question.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following Senate joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission is hereby given to introduce a bill for the purpose of appropriating the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force; the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. JOHNSON inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

MR. OLIVER offered the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring),

That permission is hereby granted for the introduction of a bill to amend the special road law of Fairfax County; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. OLIVER carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. THORNTON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

MR. HOBSON offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That consent be given for the introduction and consideration of a bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for and authorize the purchase of a suitable lot of land in close proximity to the Capitol, in the city of Richmond, and to create a State building commission to act for the State, and to make an appropriation therefor, approved March 21, 1914; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. HOBSON carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That consent is hereby given for the introduction and consideration of a bill making it a misdemeanor for a husband to desert or neglect his wife or for a parent to desert or neglect his child or children under the age of sixteen years, prescribing the penalty therefor, and making provisions for the apprehension and punishment of persons convicted of non-support, and providing that persons convicted of non-support shall be sent to the convict road force in certain contingencies, providing for the taking of recognizances and for the forfeitures and enforcement of said recognizances, providing for the appointment of probation officers and prescribing their duties and powers, and making chief of police and sheriff probation officers in certain contingencies; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. MONTAGUE inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following joint resolution:

Whereas, the proper officers of any State imposing a general income tax may, upon request of the Governor thereof, have access to said returns or to an abstract thereof, made to the United States government by corporations, showing the name and income of each such



corporation, joint stock company, association or insurance company, at such times and in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, when approved by the President; and

Whereas, it would be to the interest of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as to the interest of all other States imposing a general income tax, to have access to the income returns made by individuals to the United States government; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the members of Congress from Virginia are requested to offer an amendment to the Federal income tax which will permit of access to the income tax returns of individuals;

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the House of Representatives and to Senators Thos. S. Martin and Claude A. Swanson; the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. REED carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Chesapeake and Its Tributaries:

By MR. STUBBS: A bill for the relief of oyster planters from their rent of oyster-planting grounds in the waters of the Commonwealth on account of the "green gill" in the oysters.

To the Committee on Privileges and Elections:

By MR. GUNN: A bill to provide for the rearrangement of voting precincts and to change the names of the same whenever, by annexation proceedings, portions of a county have been taken within a city, and providing how such proceedings shall be paid for.

To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MR. STUBBS: A bill to make an appropriation of \$10,000, to be used by Committee of R. E. Lee Camp No. 1, Confederate Veterans, viz.: Gen. J. Thompson Brown, Capt. John Lamb and Capt. E. D. Taylor, to aid in entertaining the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond on June 2, 3, 4, 1915, who will assemble in Richmond at this date.

By MR. HOBSON: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for and authorize the purchase of a suitable lot of land in close proximity to the Capitol, in the city of Richmond, and to create a State building commission to act for the State, and to make an appropriation therefor, approved March 21, 1914.

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. SMITH of *King and Queen*: A bill to amend and re-enact

an act approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, incorporating the town of Tappahannock, in the county of Essex.

By MR. SMITH of *King and Queen*: A bill to authorize and direct the board of Supervisors of Essex County to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of the road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914 by the county of Essex on the real and personal property in said town.

By MR. NELSON: A bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purpose named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

By MR. OLIVER: A bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

By MR. CHALKLEY: A bill to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the Circuit Court of Wise County.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. STEARNES: A bill to make uniform, for the purposes of local as well as State assessments and taxation, steam railroad property, and to abolish the State franchise tax thereon.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 49. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880.

No. 50. House bill to amend and re-enact section 2 of an act approved March 24, 1914, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 27, 1900, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 3, 1898, entitled an act to provide for the working and keeping in order all the public roads and bridges in the county of Hanover, and to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a road commissioner in each magis-

terial district in Hanover County, and to define his duties and powers, approved February 25, 1892, as well as to authorize the regulation of loads hauled over the roads in the districts of said county, and to impose a penalty for the violation of such regulations.

No. 51. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates or refunds on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county, and to those residing four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved road, and limiting the toll rates.

No. 52. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

No. 53. House bill to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes and levies or other lands for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks on the great battlefields of that county, or for forest preserves.

The following House bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 22. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time in the counties of Rockingham and Page—yeas, 80; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—80.

No. 35. House bill to amend and re-enact an act to amend and re-enact section 4 of an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds and to build bridges and macadamize



the roads of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of the said county to vote on the question as amended, approved March 20, 1914, and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open, by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote upon the question of issuing bonds—yeas, 81; nays, none.

The vote as required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Millstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spesard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—81.

No. 36. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000 in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, approved January 30, 1914, to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said act; to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds, or registered bonds, as provided in said act, in exchange for and to raise funds to pay off the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said act, approved January 30, 1914—yeas, 83; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Millstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Ter-

rell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—83.

No. 37. House bill to establish a ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland County, at or near Coan wharf—yeas, 80; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Reed, Rew, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—80.

No. 43. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902; came up.

MR. WOODWARD moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. WOODWARD the bill was amended by adding section 3 as follows:

“It being necessary that the purposes of this act shall be carried out at once, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall be in force from its passage.”

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, was read at length a third time and passed—yeas, 84; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—84.

Motions severally made to reconsider the vote by which Nos. 22, 35, 36, 37 and 43 House bills were passed, were rejected.

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its

powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act.

Unfinished business came up.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the Chair was vacated until 4 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 4 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a state tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, was resumed.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the House, on motion of MR. OLIVER, adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. W. McDaniel, D. D., of First Baptist Church.

On motion of MR. MEETZE, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, January 27, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bills entitled: No. 10, an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Botetourt County to erect and maintain toll-gates on the macadamized roads of said county; No. 15, an act to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Stuart, in the county of Patrick, approved November 22, 1884, which was approved March 11, 1910.

They have passed, with amendments, House bills entitled: No. 9, an act to provide for the payment of contingent and incidental expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly, and to appropriate money for the same; No. 11, an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rockbridge County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of



the county of Rockbridge, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended; No. 13, an act to provide a road board for Capeville Magisterial District, in Northampton County, to authorize the board of supervisors of Northampton County, to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville District, and to repeal previous acts; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

O. V. HANGER, *Clerk of Senate.*

Nos. 9, 11 and 13, House bills, were, on motions severally made, placed on the calendar.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Appropriations:

No. 54. House bill to appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars to pay the per diem, mileage, etc., of members, officers, employees, etc., of the General Assembly of Virginia, now in extraordinary session.

No. 55. House bill to appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount authorized by law to be paid in connection with the assessment of real estate throughout the Commonwealth, required by law to be made during the year 1915.

No. 56. House bill to amend and re-enact section 4 of the act entitled an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State Corporation Commission, approved March 27, 1914, providing for the expense incurred in the execution of said act, and making appropriations therefor.

No. 57. House bill to provide extra compensation for the three firemen for the electric light and power plant for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916.

No. 58. House bill to make an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to be used by committee of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, viz.: General J. Thompson Brown, Capt. John Lamb, and Capt. E. D. Taylor, to aid in entertaining the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond on June 2, 3, 4, 1915, who will assemble in Richmond at this date.

The following House bills having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 59. House bill to exempt Roanoke City from the provisions of section 3 of an act approved March 13, 1914, entitled an act to pro-

vide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government, and to designate a time for holding elections thereunder, and to fix the terms of officers affected by this act.

No. 60. House bill to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912.

A bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue, for the purposes named, be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, incorporating the town of Tappahannock, in the county of Essex; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to authorize and direct the board of supervisors of Essex County to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of the road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914 by the county of Essex on the real and personal property in said town; having been consid-

ered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the Circuit Court of Wise County; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

MR. STUBBS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in the call of the calendar, House bill No. 7 shall be considered and all amendments disposed of; then House bill No. 8 shall be taken up and considered, and all amendments disposed of; then House bill No. 7 shall be taken up on its engrossment and disposed of; then House bill No. 8 shall be taken up on its engrossment and disposed of; which was agreed to.



MR. STUBBS offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Board of Engineers of the United States War Department has recommended material changes in the lines in the Chesapeake Bay where the pound net fishermen can put their nets and such changes will work a great hardship on very many fishermen; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly of Virginia most respectfully petition the War Department that those changes in the lines of the Chesapeake Bay be not made, as it will be ruinous to many citizens of Virginia;

2. That a copy of this preamble and resolution be forwarded to General Kingman, Chief of Engineers, who has the final decision in this matter, and most respectfully urge him not to have the changes made.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Chesapeake and its tributaries.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MESSRS. WEAVER of Warren, OLIVER and GORDON: A bill to provide for the segregation of the tax upon rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the Seate alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, to provide for the assessment of the said rolling stock, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in relation to the assessment for local taxation of the rolling stock of railroad corporations, approved March 12, 1912, as amended by an act which became a law without the Governor's approval March 18, 1914.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

No. 32. Senate bill to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Boynton, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and within one mile of the corporate limits of the said town, approved February 14, 1901; was read at length a first time.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 54. House bill to appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars to pay the per diem, mileage, etc., of members, officers, employees, etc., of the General Assembly of Virginia, now in extraordinary session.

No. 55. House bill to appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount

authorized by law to be paid in connection with the assessment of real estate throughout the Commonwealth, required by law to be made during the year 1915.

No. 56. House bill to amend and re-enact section 4 of the act entitled an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State Corporation Commission, approved March 27, 1914, providing for the expense incurred in the execution of said act, and making appropriations therefor.

No. 57. House bill to provide extra compensation for the three firemen for the electric light and power plant for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916.

No. 58. House bill to make an appropriation of ten thousand dollars, to be used by committee of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, viz.: General J. Thompson Brown, Capt. John Lamb, and Capt. E. D. Taylor, to aid in entertaining the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond on June 2, 3, 4, 1915, who will assemble in Richmond at this date.

No. 59. House bill to exempt Roanoke City from the provisions of section 3 of an act approved March 13, 1914, entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government, and to designate a time for holding elections thereunder, and to fix the terms of officers affected by this act.

No. 60. House bill to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1913, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills were concurred in:

No. 9. House bill to provide for the payment of contingent and incidental expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly, and to appropriate money for the same—yeas, 82; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Heffin, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton,

A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

No. 11. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rockbridge County to erect toll-gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rockbridge, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended—yeas, 78; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward—78.

No. 13. House bill to provide a road board for Capeville Magisterial District, in Northampton County, to authorize the board of supervisors of Northampton County to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville District, and to repeal previous acts—yeas, 75; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston—75.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which the amendments proposed by the Senate to Nos. 9, 11 and 13 House bills were concurred in, were rejected.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, was resumed.

Pending the consideration of which, MR. GRASTY moved that the Chair be vacated until 1 o'clock P. M. in order that the members of the House may attend the memorial exercises in the Senate chamber in memory of the late HON. EDWARD ECHOLS, and that the House proceed to the Senate chamber in a body; which motion was unanimously agreed to, and the House proceeded in a body to the Senate chamber and was received by the Senate.



The hour of 1 o'clock P. M., having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

MR. WILLIAMS moved that the Chair be vacated until 4 o'clock P. M.; which motion was agreed to.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 4 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

The consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, was resumed.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, on motion of MR. NORRIS the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Jos. T. Watts, Secretary of Sunday School Board of Baptist Church.

On motion of MR. FULLER, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

The following Senate bills having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 15. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

No. 18. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2 of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 19. Senate bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance

policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation.

No. 22. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, approved March 17, 1910, with amendment.

No. 46. House bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908; heretofore recommitted to the Committee on Finance, was reported back with amendment.

No. 61. House bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance.

No. 62. House bill to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended in reference to the compensation of land assessors.

No. 63. House bill to license to manufacture and sell butterine and other so-called butter preparations other than butter from pure cows' milk.

No. 64. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

The following House bills, having been considered by the com-

mittee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 65. House bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purpose named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

No. 66. House bill to authorize and direct the board of supervisors of Essex County to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of the road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914, by the county of Essex on the real and personal property in said town.

No. 67. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, incorporating the town of Tappahannock, in the county of Essex.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, until further ordered, the House meet at 10 A. M., the Chair to be vacated at 1:30 P. M., to be resumed at 3:30 P. M., to be again vacated at 6 P. M., to be resumed again at 8 P. M., provided that this resolution shall not apply to Saturday sessions, except as to the time of the assembling of the morning session; which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HOLT, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That the United States senators and members of the House of Representatives from Virginia in the Congress of the United States, be, and they are hereby, requested to protest to the War Department of the United States against its injurious rulings and regulations in regard to fisheries in the waters of Virginia, which result in a hardship upon a large number of the citizens of this State, and are prejudicial to the prosperity of one of the most important industries of Virginia.

Resolved further, That copies of this resolution be sent to each of the senators and representatives from Virginia in the Congress of the United States; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

Ordered that MR. STUBBS inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

The following was presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MESSRS. PENNINGTON and LEWIS: A bill to amend section 8



of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved December 12, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following Senate bills were read at length a first time:

No. 15. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

No. 18. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2 of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 19. Senate bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation.

No. 22. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, approved March 17, 1910.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 61. House bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

No. 62. House bill to amend and re-enact section 446 of the

Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in reference to the compensation of land assessors.

No. 63. House bill to license to manufacture and sell butterine and other so-called butter preparations other than butter from pure cows' milk.

No. 64. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

No. 65. House bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purposes named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

No. 66. House bill to authorize and direct the board of supervisors of Essex County to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of the road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914, by the county of Essex, on the real and personal property in said town.

No. 67. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, incorporating the town of Tappahannock, in the county of Essex.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills, which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 5. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize any railroad company, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, to construct, purchase or take a lease of any railroad, not exceeding twenty-five miles in length, which will furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic, approved March 5, 1908, so as to authorize the construction, purchase or lease of a railroad, with the consent of the State Corporation Commission, not exceeding forty miles in length, to furnish a cut-off or connecting line for the more efficient and economical transportation of traffic.

No. 9. House bill to provide for the payment of contingent and incidental expenses of the extra session of the General Assembly, and to appropriate money for the same.

The consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, was resumed.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the Chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission; to define its powers and duties; to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, was resumed.

The hour of 6 P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

### NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of the members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, was resumed.

Pending the further consideration of which, on motion of MR. BREWER, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. Cammack, associate editor Religious Herald. On motion of MR. MEETZE, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, January 29, 1915.*

The Senate has passed, with amendments, House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the



revision, codification and indexing, with suitable marginal citations and references, of the statute laws of Virginia, for the printing, publication and disposition thereof, to appoint commissioners therefor and fix their compensation, to provide for the necessary clerical assistants to said commissioners, and to appropriate the necessary funds for said work, approved March 21, 1914, No. 4; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 4 House bill was, on motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, placed on the calendar.

No. 68. House bill to provide for the rearrangement of voting precincts and to change the names of the same whenever, by annexation proceedings, portions of a county have been taken within a city, and providing how such proceedings shall be paid for; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

MR. BREWER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Auditor of Public Accounts be directed to issue his warrants upon the Treasurer of the State, out of the funds provided by and in accordance with an act approved January 29, 1915, to cover such contingent and incidental expenses of the House of Delegates, and clerk's office of the House of Delegates, gallery door-keepers, pay of joint committee clerks, extra enrolling, Journal and other typewriting, and such other clerical help and other expenses as may be certified to him by the Clerk of the House of Delegates, approved by THE SPEAKER of the House of Delegates; which was agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House vote on House bills 7 and 8 and all amendments thereto and substitutes therefor not later than Tuesday, February 3, at 1 o'clock P. M.; which was agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to; which was rejected.

MR. GUNN offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the joint committee for the investigation of certain matters in relation to school books be authorized to expend an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars in the performance of the duty assigned to them, which amount so expended shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House and Senate, one-half by each; which was agreed to.

Ordered that Mr. GUNN carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. CANNON, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House an opinion from the Attorney General in response to resolution agreed to by the House of Delegates; printed as House Document No. 1.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. POWELL: A bill to provide for the constitution and define the powers of local boards of review and equalization of assessment, and for the payment thereof.

By MR. CHALKLEY: Joint resolution proposing amendment to section 168 of article 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, and providing for publishing said amendment and certifying the same to the next General Assembly.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

No. 68. House bill to provide for the rearrangement of voting precincts and to change the names of the same whenever, by annexation proceedings, portions of a county have been taken within a city, and providing how such proceedings shall be paid for; was read at length a first time and ordered to be printed.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to

No. 4. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the revision, codification and indexing, with suitable marginal citations and references, of the statute law of Virginia, for the printing, publication and disposition thereof, to appoint commissioners therefor and fix their compensation, to provide for the necessary clerical assistance to said commissioners, and to appropriate the necessary funds for said work, approved March 21, 1914; were concurred in by the following vote—yeas, 63; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Hobson, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Norris, Owen, Page, Pennington, Powell, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—63.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments were concurred in; which was rejected.

The following House bills, having been printed, were read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed:

No. 18. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors

and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908.

No. 38. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1169-b of the Code of Virginia as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1164, 1168, 1169 and 1170 and 1171 of the Code of Virginia, and to add independent sections thereto, so as to provide for the examination of banks and other similar institutions in this State, and to make certain general provisions, and for the conduct of the business of banking, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions here, approved March 17, 1910; amended.

No. 39. House bill to extend to national banks the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred upon trust companies under an act entitled an act to provide how trust companies may be incorporated, and to provide for general powers for the purpose of doing a trust business in this State, in addition to a general banking business, approved March 27, 1914.

No. 41. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 14, 1908, entitled an act to authorize supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers in their respective counties and cities.

No. 42. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved, respectively, April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 21, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 15, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk, as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906; amended.

No. 48. House bill to amend and re-enact sub-section 1 of section 1913-b of the Code of Virginia (1904), with reference to the size of barrels used for shipment of agricultural products, commonly called truck; amended.



No. 49. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended.

No. 50. House bill to amend and re-enact section 2 of an act approved March 24, 1914, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 27, 1900, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 3, 1898, entitled an act to provide for the working and keeping in order all the public roads and bridges in the county of Hanover, and to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a road commissioner in each magisterial district in Hanover County, and to define his duties and powers, approved February 25, 1892, as well as to authorize the regulation of loads hauled over the roads in the districts of said county, and to impose a penalty for the violation of such regulations.

No. 51. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates or refunds on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county, and to those residing four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved road, and limiting the toll rates.

No. 52. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

No. 53. House bill to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes and levies or other lands for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks on the great battle-fields of that county, or for forest preserves.

No. 54. House bill to appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars to pay the per diem, mileage, etc., of members, officers, employees, etc., of the General Assembly of Virginia, now in extraordinary session.

No. 55. House bill to appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount authorized by law to be paid in connection with the assessment of real estate throughout the Commonwealth, required by law to be made during the year 1915.

No. 56. House bill to amend and re-enact section 4 of the act entitled an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State corporation commission, approved

March 27, 1914, providing for the expense incurred in the execution of said act, and making appropriations therefor.

No. 57. House bill to provide extra compensation for the three firemen for the electric light and power plant for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916.

No. 58. House bill to make an appropriation of ten thousand dollars, to be used by committee of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, viz.: General J. Thompson Brown, Capt. John Lamb, and Capt. E. D. Taylor, to aid in entertaining the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond on June 2, 3, 4, 1915, who will assemble in Richmond on this date.

No. 59. House bill to exempt Roanoke City from the provisions of section 3 of an act approved March 13, 1914, entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government, and to designate a time for holding elections thereunder, and to fix the terms of officers affected by this act.

No. 60. House bill to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1913, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912.

No. 61. House bill to amend and reenact section 15 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

No. 65. House bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue, for the purposes named, be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

No. 66. House bill to authorize and direct the board of supervisors of Essex County to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of the road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914 by the county of Essex, on the real and personal property in said town.

No. 67. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, incorporating the town of Tappahannock, in the county of Essex.

MR. STECK moved to reconsider the vote by which

No. 52. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended; was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

MR. STECK moved severally to amend the bill as follows:

Add, after last word in line 29, the following clause: "Be it further enacted that the board of supervisors of Frederick County are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain toll-gates on the roads in said Frederick County, known as the Wardensville Grade, and demand and collect toll thereon, the rates of same to fixed by said board of supervisors, provided that said rates shall not exceed those fixed by the general law for turnpike companies, the said tolls to be applied to the repairs and maintenance of said road."

Add to the title, after last word in last line: "and to empower the board of supervisors of Frederick County to erect toll-gates on the road in said county, known as the Wardensville Grade, and demand and collect tolls thereon, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended;" which motions were severally agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 14. House bill to create, for the county of Norfolk, a commission of roads and bridges, and to prescribe the powers and duties of such commission, and thereby to provide for controlling, constructing and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges within said county, and for acquiring, establishing, altering and vacating roads and bridges therein, and to repeal an act entitled an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk County, approved February 18, 1890, as amended by acts approved February 26, 1908, and March 14, 1910, respectively, and also to repeal an act entitled an act for working and keeping in repair the public roads in Norfolk County, approved February 1, 1914.

No. 16. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk County to borrow a sum, not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and au-



thorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission.

No. 17. House bill to incorporate the town of Broadnax, in Brunswick and Mecklenburg counties, Virginia.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, was resumed.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved that all pending amendments to Nos. 7 and 8 House bills be printed; which was agreed to.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the House, on motion of MR. WILLIAMS, adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. George W. Kemper, of Hanover Avenue Christian Church.

On motion of MR. HOBSON, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, January 30, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bill entitled an act to provide a special road law for the county of Fauquier, to provide for the working and keeping in repair of the public roads in said county, and to create separate district road boards in each of the several magisterial districts thereof, to authorize the erection of toll-gates and the collection of tolls upon certain public roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and collection of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said county, and to validate the official acts of certain officers under laws heretofore in effect in said county, No. 12.

And they have passed Senate bills entitled an act to amend and reenact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the sup-

port of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, No. 21; and an act to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910, No. 17; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

Nos. 17 and 21 Senate bills were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of MR. FIELD, MR. PAGE was granted one day's leave of absence.

On motion of MR. LEEDY, MR. CAWTHORN was granted four days' leave of absence.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Schools and Colleges:

By MR. WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds shall consist of, approved March 25, 1914.

By MR. WEAVER *of Warren*: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. WHITE: To provide that the Auditor of Public Accounts shall be required to fix the date as of which all intangible property shall be assessed and assessable, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following House bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 18. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908—yeas, 52; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Gordon, Gunn, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Massie, Miller, Montague, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams and Mr. Speaker—52.

No. 38. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1169-b of the Code of Virginia as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1164, 1168, 1169 and 1170 and 1171 of the Code of Virginia, and to add independent sections thereto, so as to provide for the examination of banks and other similar institutions in this State, and to make certain general provisions, and for the conduct of the business of banking, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions here, approved March 17, 1910—yeas, 55; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Horner, Houston, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Massie, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—55.

No. 39. House bill to extend to national banks the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred upon trust companies under an act entitled an act to provide how trust companies may be incorporated, and to provide for general powers for the purpose of doing a trust business in this State, in addition to a general banking business, approved March 27, 1914—yeas, 56; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Houston, Hughes, Land, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams and Mr. Speaker—56.

No. 41. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 14, 1908, entitled an act to authorize supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a



special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers, in their respective counties and cities—yeas, 63; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Hughes, Land, Leedy, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—63.

No. 42. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved, respectively, April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 21, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 15, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk, as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams and Mr. Speaker—68.

No. 48. House bill to amend and re-enact sub-section 1 of section 1913-b of the Code of Virginia (1904), with reference to the size of barrels used for shipment of agricultural products, commonly called trucks—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown,

Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—68.

No. 49. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended—yeas, 69; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—69.

No. 50. House bill to amend and re-enact section 2 of an act approved March 24, 1914, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 27, 1900, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 3, 1898, entitled an act to provide for the working and keeping in order all the public roads and bridges in the county of Hanover, and to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a road commissioner in each magisterial district in Hanover County, and to define his duties and powers, approved February 25, 1892, as well as to authorize the regulation of loads hauled over the roads in the districts of said county, and to impose a penalty for the violation of such regulations—yeas, 57; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—57.

No. 51. House bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates or refunds on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or

shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county, and to those residing four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved road, and limiting the toll rates—yeas, 62; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—62.

No. 52. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended, and to empower the board of supervisors of Frederick County to erect toll-gates on the road in said county known as the Wardensville Grade, and demand and collect tolls thereon, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended—yeas, 63; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—63.

No. 53. House bill to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes and levies or other lands for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks on the great battle-fields of that county, or for forest preserves—yeas, 67; nays, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—67.

NAY—Mr. Field—1.



No. 54. House bill to appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars to pay the per diem, mileage, etc., of members, officers, employees, etc., of the General Assembly of Virginia, now in extraordinary session—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—68.

No. 55. House bill to appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount authorized by law to be paid in connection with the assessment of real estate throughout the Commonwealth required by law to be made during the year 1915—yeas, 65; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Chalkley, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—65.

No. 56. House bill to amend and re-enact section 4 of the act entitled an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State Corporation Commission, approved March 27, 1914, providing for the expense incurred in the execution of said act, and making appropriations therefor—yeas, 60; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—60.

No. 57. House bill to provide extra compensation for the three

firemen for the electric light and power plant for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916—yeas, 59; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Easley, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Land, Leedy, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—59.

No. 60. House bill to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Myers, Roland, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—68.

No. 61. House bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912—yeas, 63; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Harris, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—63.

No. 65. House bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue, for the purposes named, be first submitted to the qualified voters of said

town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof—yeas, 69; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gun, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—69.

No. 66. House bill to authorize and direct the board of supervisors of Essex County to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of the road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914 by the county of Essex, on the real and personal property in said town; came up.

MR. SMITH *of King and Queen* moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

MR. SMITH *of King and Queen* moved to amend the bill by adding section 2 as follows:

“2. It being necessary that the operation of this act should be immediately effective, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall be in force from its passage;” which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and being presently engrossed was read at length a third time and passed—yeas, 67, nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, Williams and Mr. Speaker—67.

No. 67. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, incorporating the town of Tappahannock, in the county of Essex; came up.

MR. SMITH *of King and Queen* moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

MR. SMITH *of King and Queen* moved to amend the bill by adding section 21, as follows:

“21. It being necessary that the operation of this act shall be im-



mediately effective, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall be in force from its passage;" which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed, and, being presently engrossed, was read at length a third time and passed—yeas, 67; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Clement, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—67.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 18, 38, 39, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 61, 65, 66 and 67 were passed were rejected.

The following Senate bills were read at length a second time:

No. 32. Senate bill to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Boydton, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and within one mile of the corporate limits of the said town, approved February 14, 1901.

No. 15. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

No. 18. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2 of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 19. Senate bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation.

No. 22. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act

entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, approved March 17, 1910.

No. 68. House bill to provide for the rearrangement of voting precincts, and to change the names of the same whenever, by annexation proceedings, portions of a county have been taken within a city, and providing how such proceedings shall be paid for; having been printed, was, on motion of MR. GUNN, taken up out of its order on the calendar and read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act; was resumed.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of 1 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate the money to carry out the provisions of this act; was resumed.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of 6 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act; was resumed.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the House, on motion of MR. WEAVER of Warren, adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. George W. Kemper, of Hanover Avenue Christian Church.

On motion of MR. ADAMS, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 1, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000 in exchange for, and to raise funds to pay off, the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, approved January 30, 1914, to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said act, to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds, or registered bonds, as provided in said act, in exchange for, and to raise funds to pay off, the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said acts approved January 30, 1914, No. 36; and an act to establish ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland County, at or near Coan wharf, No. 37.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee for Courts of Justice:

No. 69. House bill to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the Circuit Court of Wise County.

No. 70. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants, for the election of a special justice of the peace, to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and trans-



fer the jurisdiction of such police justices in said cities to such civil and police justices, approved March 20, 1914.

MR. DODSON offered the following resolution:

Whereas, this House has heard with deepest sorrow and regret of the sudden death of our friend and colleague, the HON. S. F. CLEMENT, of Pittsylvania County; and

Whereas, the long and distinguished public service of this honored representative of the people merits every respect which can be shown his memory; and

Whereas, the members of this body remember with affection his noble traits of character, his affable disposition and the many characteristics of manhood which bound him so closely to his associates, and are desirous that some permanent memorial be made of the esteem and respect in which he was held; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this preamble and resolution be spread at length upon the Journal of this House as a permanent memorial of his many virtues; that a copy be sent the family of our friend; that THE SPEAKER be directed to appoint a committee of six to escort the body of our friend to his last resting place; that a suitable floral tribute be obtained, and that when the House adjourns this day it adjourn in honor of his memory; was agreed to by a rising vote.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. DODSON, GREEN, WILLIAMS, KENT, CRAWFORD and BUCK the committee on the part of the House.

MR. GREGORY offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the joint resolution limiting the introduction of local bills to January 27th be rescinded; which was referred to the Committee on Rules.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That for the purpose of permitting the introduction of a bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict thereto, that the operation of the joint resolution prohibiting the introduction of any bill not directly relating to the tax question be suspended, and the introduction of said bill be permitted; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That for the purpose of permitting the introduction of a bill to permit the

town of Franklin to issue bonds, not to exceed forty thousand dollars, for the purpose of grading, paving, curbing, macadamizing or otherwise improving the streets of the said town, that the operation of the joint resolution prohibiting the introduction of any bill not directly relating to the tax question be suspended and the introduction of the said bill be permitted; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Schools and Colleges:

By MR. GREGORY: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1433 of the Code of Virginia as amended by an act approved December 28, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1904, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, amending sections 1433, 1437 and 1438 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the duties of the State Board of Education and of division superintendents of schools, to the composition of school divisions, and the salaries of division superintendents.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. REW: A bill to provide for the constitution and define the powers of local boards of review and equalization of assessment, and for the payment thereof.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 69. House bill to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the Circuit Court of Wise County.

No. 70. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants, for the election of a special justice of the peace, to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of such police justices in said cities to such civil and police justices, approved March 20, 1914.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills, which had been

passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bill having been publicly read :

No. 10. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Botetourt County to erect and maintain toll-gates on the macadamized roads of said county.

No. 11. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rockbridge County to erect toll-gates, and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rockbridge, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended.

No. 12. House bill to provide a special road law for the county of Fauquier, to provide for the working and keeping in repair of the public roads in said county and to create separate district road boards in each of the several magisterial districts thereof, to authorize the erection of toll-gates and the collection of tolls upon certain public roads therein, and making certain provisions for the enforcement and correction of said tolls and the protection of the said roads and the property of said district road boards, and providing certain penalties for the violation thereof, and to repeal all special acts heretofore enacted in reference to the public roads of said county, and to validate the official acts of certain officers under laws heretofore in effect in said county.

No. 15. House bill to amend and re-enact section 31 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Stuart, in the county of Patrick, approved November 22, 1884, which was approved March 11, 1910.

No. 28. Senate bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river, at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth street in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly, approved January 14, 1882.

No. 29. Senate bill to amend and re-enact chapter 5 of an act approved January 29, 1896, entitled an act to consolidate in one act all acts creating and amending the charter of the city of Lynchburg, and to create a new charter for said city.

MR. WILLIS entered a motion to reconsider the votes by which

No. 59. House bill to exempt Roanoke City from the provisions of section 3 of an act approved March 13, 1914, entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government,



and to designate a time for holding elections thereunder, and to fix the terms of officers affected by this act; was ordered to be engrossed.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act; was resumed.

The hour of 1 o'clock P. M. having arrived, being the hour fixed for the vote to be taken upon the amendments offered, MR. WEAVER of Warren moved that the debate be continued until 1:30 o'clock P. M. and that the vote be taken at 3:30 o'clock P. M.; which was agreed to.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The further consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act; was resumed.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows:

Page 7, line 67: At end of line after word "tax," add the word "is"; which was agreed to.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows:

Page 10, line 15: After the word "court," add the following: "and that any court of record may, by written order, require that such information competent, relevant and material, in any proceeding before it be produced or disclosed therein;" which was rejected.

MESSRS. MILSTEAD and GREGORY moved to amend as follows:

Page 1, line 4, paragraph 1: After the word "commission," add the words: "which shall consist of the Auditor of Public Accounts, one of the members of the State Corporation Commission, to be designated by said commission, who shall, ex-officio, be members of said board and shall receive no compensation for serving thereon, and a third member, to be known as the State tax commissioner, who shall be chairman of said commission"; which was rejected—yeas, 41; nays, 57.

On motion of MR. CHALKLEY the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Cousins, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Horner, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Milstead,

Montague, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Stearnes, Stubbs, Woodward—41.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kinsey, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Miller, Noland, Norris, Powell, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.

MESSRS. MILSTEAD and GREGORY moved to amend as follows:

Page 1, paragraph 2: Strike out all of said paragraph and first paragraph on page 2, and add the words: "the Governor shall appoint a State tax commissioner to serve until February 1, 1916, or until his successor shall have been elected and shall qualify. At the time and place of choosing members of the General Assembly in the year 1915 and every fourth year thereafter, a citizen of Virginia shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Commonwealth to fill said office for a term of four years, beginning on the first day of February, 1916, or until his successor shall be elected and shall qualify"; which was rejected—yeas, 41; nays, 57.

On motion of MR. CHALKLEY the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Horner, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Stearnes, Stubbs, Willis, Woodward—41.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kinsey, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Noland, Norris, Powell, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to amend as follows:

Amend section 2 by striking out all of the first paragraph of said section in lines one to ten, inclusive, and insert in lieu thereof the following: The said tax commission shall be composed of one qualified voter, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, if practicable, before the adjournment of the present session of the General Assembly, for a term of six years, and the Auditor of Public Accounts and the State Accountant, who shall be ex-officio members of said commission, and receive no compensation for serving thereon as such ex-officio members; which was rejected.

MR. REED offered the following amendment in the nature of a substitute:

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That there is hereby created the office of State tax commissioner.

2. Election; term of office; vacancy; removal from office.—The first said commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, if practicable, before the adjournment of the present session of the General Assembly for a term ending on the first day of January, 1918.

Upon the expiration of the term of the commissioner first appointed and designated as aforesaid, each succeeding commissioner shall be elected as aforesaid by the qualified voters at the election held for the election of members of the House of Delegates, and the term of office of such and each commissioner shall be six years. Should a vacancy occur when the General Assembly is not in session, it shall be filled by the Governor's appointment for the unexpired term, subject to confirmation by the Senate at the next session of the General Assembly.

And said commissioner may be removed by the Governor for cause shown, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and if cause for such removal shall arise when the Senate is not in session the Governor may suspend said commissioner and fill the vacancy thus created until the General Assembly shall next convene.

3. Qualification; oath.—The commissioner shall, during his term, devote his entire time to the duties of his office; he shall hold no other office under the laws of the United States, nor of Virginia, nor of any other State; he shall serve neither on nor under any committee of any political party; he shall make no contribution to any political cause within this State, and he shall in no way use his office to promote the political aspirations of himself nor of any other person.

And such commissioner before entering upon office shall take, subscribe and file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth the oath prescribed by law for State officers.

4. Salary; place of meeting; organization.—The salary of the commissioner shall be four thousand dollars per annum. The commissioner first appointed shall, immediately after his appointment, open an office in the city of Richmond.

The commissioner shall have the power to employ and remove such clerks and other assistants as may from time to time be necessary; to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation; provided, that the total expenditures of the said commissioner shall not exceed the amount appropriated by law.

5. The office of the commissioner shall be in Richmond, where suitable rooms shall be provided for by the Governor and Register of the Land Office. But the commissioner may hold sessions and may conduct investigations and hearings at any other place when necessary



to the proper performance of the duties prescribed by law, and the commissioner and his employees shall receive from the State the amount of their actual necessary expenses, to be sworn to by the person incurring them, and approved by the chairman of the commission.

6. Powers and duties.—It shall be the duty of the State tax commissioner, and he shall have the power and authority—

(1) To supervise the administration of the assessment and tax laws of this State with a view to ascertaining the best methods of reaching all property, of effecting equitable assessments, and of avoiding conflicts and duplication of taxation of the same property, and to recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly such measures as will promote uniform assessments, just rates and harmony and co-operation among all officials connected with the revenue system of the State.

(2) To exercise general supervision over the assessors of real estate and over commissioners of revenue, and over all other public officers so far as the duties of such officers pertain to the public revenues, and it shall be the duty of said tax commissioner to confer with, instruct and advise all such public officers, in the performance of their duties, and to investigate at any time the assessment and collection of taxes in any county or city, and when the assessment is found unreasonable and unjust to take steps to correct the same in the manner provided by law, and to remove for cause, shown in writing, assessors of real estate for incompetency, neglect or other official misconduct, and to institute proceedings by motion in writing in the proper court, or before the judge of such court in vacation, for the removal or suspension for like cause of commissioners of the revenue, all to the end that the assessment of property of every kind, class and character shall be just and uniform, and that all taxable property shall be put upon the assessment roles, and that equality of taxation among persons, corporations and localities shall be secured according to the intent of the law.

(3) To provide the forms of books and schedules to be used in the assessment and collection of taxes, and to call for and prescribe the forms of such statistical reports, notices and other papers as said tax commissioner may deem necessary to the proper administration of the law, and to prescribe and install a uniform system of accounts to be used by revenue officials.

(4) To collect, digest and preserve information relating to the value and ownership of real and personal property, with a view to instructing, aiding and checking assessors and commissioners of the revenue.

(5) To furnish to assessors and commissioners of the revenue such

classification of property, both real and personal, for the purpose of uniform valuation, as will promote fairness of assessment.

(6) To investigate and supervise the enforcement of the laws with regard to rates, equitable contribution to the support of the government from all property, franchises and licenses, fees and charges for mercantile, professional and all other licenses, to the end that the burden of taxation may be fairly equalized among all classes of residents within the Commonwealth.

(7) To direct such proceedings, actions and prosecutions to be instituted as may be needful to enforce the revenue laws of the State, and to call on the Attorney General, or proper officer, to prosecute such actions and proceedings.

(8) To intervene, by petition or otherwise, whenever deemed advisable in any action or proceedings pending in any court wherein the constitutionality or construction of any tax or revenue statute or the validity of any tax is in question, and the court wherein such action or proceedings is pending may, by order entered therein, make the said State tax commissioner a party thereto whenever deemed necessary.

(9) To make a report of his proceedings to the Governor on or before the first day of November preceding a regular session of the General Assembly, and the Governor shall cause copies of said report to be printed, one of which copies he shall cause to be sent to each member of the General Assembly at least twenty days before the beginning of a regular session.

7. Process.—The State tax commissioner shall, in all matters within its jurisdiction, have the power and authority to award and issue, have served and executed and returned, any writ, notice, process, order or order of publication which may by law be awarded, issued, served, executed or returned by or to any court of law or equity in this Commonwealth for the purpose of compelling the attendance of witnesses, the production of books and papers, and the enforcement and execution of its findings, orders and judgments.

All writs, processes and orders of the commissioner shall run in the name of the Commonwealth, shall be signed by the commissioner, and be attested by his secretary or any clerk designated by him for that purpose, and shall be directed to any sergeant, sheriff or constable of any county or city wherein such writ, process or order is to be executed. All writs, notices, processes or orders of the commissioner may be executed and returned in like manner and upon like persons or property as the processes, writs, notices or orders of the courts of record of this Commonwealth, and so served, executed and returned shall have the same legal effect. The officer serving or executing any writ, notice, process or order of the commissioner shall receive the

same fees allowed by law for like services to sergeants and sheriffs of the counties and cities. Any officer who shall fail to execute and return any writ, process, notice or order of the commissioner shall be subject to the same penalties provided by law for the failure to execute and return the process of any court, which penalties, after due notice to the officer so failing, may be enforced by the judgment of the commissioner, who is hereby clothed with power to carry this provision into effect.

The commissioner shall make such allowances for fees and mileage of witnesses summoned before it as are allowed by law for witnesses summoned by the Commonwealth in felony cases, to be paid out of the fund at the disposition of the commissioner.

8. Information to be confidential.—It shall be unlawful for the commissioner, or for any assessor or commissioner of the revenue, or for any employees or agent of the State tax commissioner, to divulge any information acquired by him in respect to the transactions, property, income or business of any person, firm or corporation when in performance of his duties under this act. Any violations of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both, at the discretion of the court; provided, however, that the Governor may, at any time, direct that any information herein referred to shall be made public, or to be laid before any court; and, provided further, that this information does not extend to any matters required by law to be entered on any assessment roll or book.

9. Supplies, printing, expenses, etc.—That the commissioner shall have the authority to purchase all necessary furniture and supplies, and have all necessary printing and publishing done, and secure all telephone and telegraph service necessary to the efficient discharge of its duties, and the same shall be paid out of the fund hereinafter appropriated; provided, however, that all printing necessary for the commissioner shall be done by the Public Printer, on its order, to be paid out of the general printing fund.

10. Appropriation.—That the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated to be paid out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the purposes of this act, to be paid by the Auditor of Public Accounts upon the warrant of the said State tax commissioner, countersigned by his secretary.

11. Repeal of other acts.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed, but said repeal shall not revive any laws heretofore repealed, nor affect any suits or proceedings that have been instituted under any of said acts.



MR. FIELD moved to amend the substitute proposed by MR. REED as follows:

In section 2, page 1, strike out lines 1 to 15, inclusive, and insert the following: At the regular election for congressmen and for members of the Virginia House of Delegates to be held in November, 1915, and every four years thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters at such election a State supervisor of taxation, who shall be a resident citizen and qualified voter of the State, and whose term of office shall begin on the 1st day of January following his election and shall continue for four years and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified; which was rejected.

The substitute proposed by MR. REED was rejected—yeas, 35; nays, 62.

On motion of MR. CHALKLEY the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Horner, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Stubbs, Woodward—35.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kinsey, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powell, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—62.

MESSRS. PENNINGTON and LAND offered the following amendment in the nature of a substitute:

A bill to amend section 8 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved December 12, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908:

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That section 8 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved December 12, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

8. The classification under Schedule C shall be as follows:

First: Bonds, notes and other evidences of debt, including bonds of other States than Virginia, bonds of counties, cities and towns, bonds of railroad and canal companies and other corporations, bonds

of individuals and all demands and claims, however evidenced, whether secured by deed of trust, judgment or otherwise, or not so secured.

The commissioner shall require each person, natural or artificial, residing in his district, city or town, to make out and deliver to said commissioner a list in detail of the date, amount for which originally given, but not the name of the debtor, the dates and amounts of the credits thereon, the balance due, and the time of payment of all bonds, notes and other evidences of debt due and payable to such person in excess of one hundred dollars, and a statement of the aggregate amount of all bonds, notes and other evidences of debt under one hundred dollars each. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall furnish the necessary blanks for such lists and statements to the commissioner of the revenue.

This list and statement shall be signed and sworn to by the taxpayer before the commissioner of the revenue or some notary public, or some person authorized to administer oaths, who shall certify that said list was signed and sworn to before him. The commissioner shall sign the lists and determine the value of the bonds, notes and other evidences of debt therein enumerated, subject to an appeal from his valuation to the circuit or corporation court. The said list and statement shall include bonds of railroad and canal companies, bonds of counties, cities, towns and bonds of other States and corporations, bonds of all individuals and all demands and claims, however evidenced, whether due or not, from debtors residing out of or within the State or county whether secured by a deed of trust or by judgment or not, deducting from the aggregate amount thereof all such bonds, demands or claims not otherwise deducted owing to others as such principal debtor, and not as guarantor, endorser or surety; but not deducting any money that may be due to others on account of the purchase of securities which are non-taxable, but no bond, demand or claim constituting a part of the capital as defined in this act of the business done out of this State, or any capital used by any merchant or manufacturer and taxed under this act shall be included in this section.

No credit shall be given for debts due nor deductions made unless such taxpayer shall append to said list an inventory showing the persons and address to whom said demands or debts are owing and the amount of each.

This list shall be signed and sworn to by the taxpayer said commissioner to the clerk of the circuit, county or corporation court of his county or city, who shall file the same in his office, properly labeled, keeping the list for each year separate. If any person, firm or corporation shall, with a view to evade the payment of taxes, fail or refuse to make out and deliver under oath such list and statement as

herein provided for of any such bonds, notes or other evidences of debt, then the omitted evidences of debt shall not be recoverable by action at law or suit in equity in any of the courts of this Commonwealth or by any legal process, or by sale under deed of trust or otherwise, or until they shall have been reported for assessment and the taxes paid thereon for the years that they should have been paid, with an addition of fifty per centum of the amount of said unpaid taxes; and the failure to make out such list and statement to the said commissioner shall be taken as *prima facie* evidence of the intention to so evade the payment of taxes.

The Auditor of Public Accounts when he furnishes the necessary blanks as above provided shall include the form of oath which he shall append thereto to the statement that no part of the indebtedness claimed by the taxpayer as deduction from the amount of all bonds, notes and other evidences of debt due to such taxpayers is on account of the purchase of securities which are non-taxable; and, further, that no part of said indebtedness was created with a purpose to evade the payment of taxes, and any one who shall sign and swear to a false list shall be deemed guilty of perjury. But where in any such action at law or suit in equity it is ascertained that there are unpaid taxes and penalties on the evidence of debt sought to be enforced, and the suitor makes affidavit that he is unable to pay these taxes and penalties but is willing for the same to be paid out of the first recovery on the evidence of debt, the court shall have authority to enter as a part of any judgment or decreetal order in said proceedings that the amount of taxes and penalties due and owing shall be paid to the proper officer out of the first collection on said judgment or decree.

Second: All capital of individuals, including moneys, credits or other thing owned, used or employed in business out of this State.

Third: Capital of incorporated joint stock companies not otherwise taxed, and when all of such capital is taxed by the State of Virginia, the shares of stock in the hands of individual shareholders shall not be further taxed for State purposes; but real estate belonging to such companies shall not be held to be capital, but shall be listed and taxed as property, and not as capital.

Fourth: Capital of individuals invested, used or employed in any trade or business not otherwise taxed, moneys and credits actively used and employed in carrying on the trade or business, materials, goods, wares and merchandise on hand, and all solvent bonds, demands or claims made or contracted in the course of business during the preceding year shall be held to be capital in such trade or business, and shall not be taxed otherwise than as such capital; but real estate shall not be listed as such capital, but shall be assessed and taxed as other specific property.



Fifth: The aggregate amount of money and the value of principal and interest of personal estate and credits under control of a court receiver or commissioner in pursuance of any order, judgment or decree of any court, or of an agent, guardian or other fiduciary.

Sixth: Money and credits or personal estate deposited to the credit of any suit and not in the hands of a receiver except funds, credits, or estate placed in the hands of the receiver of a court or deposited to the credit of a suit to await adjudication and disbursement upon debts reported in suits or proceedings pending in such court.

All intangible property assessed under section 8 of this act under the classification of Schedule C shall be assessed for taxation at fifty per centum of its value, and when so assessed shall be subject to taxation for State and local purposes in the same manner as other property; which was rejected.

All amendments having been disposed of, the question on the engrossment of the bill was temporarily passed by in accordance with resolution previously agreed to, and

No. 8. House bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to amend as follows:

Page 3, section 1, line 4: After the word "property," insert the following: "As enumerated in section 6 in Schedule 'B' of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, also the tangible personal property of public service corporations"; which was agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to amend as follows:

Page 3, line 18, after the word "property," strike out the balance of line 18 and the whole of lines 19 and 20, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Rolling stock of all corporations operating railroads by steam, and all other classes of property not hereinbefore specifically enumerated in this act be, and the same are, hereby segregated and made subject to State taxation alone, except that the capital of merchants shall not be subject to State taxation but may be taxed locally as prescribed by law, and the shares of stock of banks, banking associations and other institutions enumerated in section 17 in Schedule

"D" of the act aforesaid, which shares of stock shall be taxed as provided by law."

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend the amendment proposed by MR. WEAVER of *Warren* by striking out the following words: "and all other classes of property not hereinbefore specifically enumerated in this act"; which was rejected—yeas, 33; nays, 60.

On motion of MR. CHALKLEY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferchee, Field, Green, Gunn, Horner, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Woodward—33.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—60.

The amendment proposed by MR. WEAVER of *Warren* was agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved severally to amend as follows:

Page 3, in line 9, after the word "fifteen," insert the words: "and until otherwise changed by law."

Add sections 2-a and 2-b after section 2:

"2-a. On the real estate and personal property or other taxes assessed or extended for local purposes and heretofore assessed for State purposes, the commissioners of the revenue shall be paid by the cities, counties or towns not less than the commissions now allowed by law for the assessment of State taxes.

"2-b. On the real estate, personal property, public service corporations or other taxes heretofore received by the State but hereafter to be collected for local purposes, the treasurers of cities, counties and towns shall be paid by the cities, counties and towns the same commissions as now allowed by law for the collection of State revenue"; which were severally agreed to.

MR. MILLER moved to amend as follows:

Section 1, line 4, and in line 18, after the words "rolling stock," insert "other taxable tangible personal property, the roadbed and other real estate"; which was rejected.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows:

Pages 1 and 2, strike out all of lines 1 to 29, inclusive.

Section 1, pages 2 and 3, after the word "Virginia," in line 3, strike out all down to and including the word constitution, on line 16.

Then, in lines 17 and 18, strike out the words: "and all taxable intangible personal property," so that the section will read:

"1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That, pursuant to the provisions of section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, all insurance taxes and licenses on insurance companies, and the rolling stock of all corporations operating railroads by steam, be, and the same are, hereby segregated and made subject to State taxation only"; which was rejected—yeas, 28; nays, 66.

On motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Green, Gunn, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Page, Pennington, Pitts, Radford, Robertson, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbbs, Woodward—28.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—66.

Mr. REED moved severally to amend as follows:

Amend bill No. 8 by inserting after the word "steam," in section 1, line 5, page 3, the words: "the license tax on insurance companies and intangible personal property."

Amend bill No. 8 by inserting after the word "property," line 12, section 1, page 3, the words: "and a State tax of twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of said intangible personal property, of which tax ten cents on the one hundred dollars shall be applied to the support of the public free schools, five cents on the one hundred dollars for pensions, ten cents on the one hundred dollars for the support of the government"; which were severally rejected.

Mr. MONTAGUE moved to amend as follows:

Amend House Bill No. 8 by inserting after the word "property," line 12, section 1, page 2, the words: "and a State tax of thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessed value of said intangible personal property, of which tax ten cents on the one hundred dollars shall be applied to the support of the public free schools, and the remainder to the support of the government"; which was rejected.

Mr. NELSON moved to amend as follows:

Strike out, in lines 18 and 19, page 3, the following words: "And the rolling stock of all corporations, operating railroads by steam"; which was rejected—yeas, 34; nays, 58.

On motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, the vote was recorded as follows:



YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Horner, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Stubbs, Woodward—34.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—58.

MR. ROBERTSON moved to amend as follows:

At the end of paragraph 1, on page 3, add the following: "Provided that in the case of the revenues derived from intangibles, the amount so obtained shall be apportioned between the State and the county, city or town, as the case may be, in the proportion that the assessed valuations on subjects segregated to local purposes bear to the average assessment in the State as a whole on such property; which was rejected.

MR. BROWNING moved to amend as follows:

After line 20, page 3 of House bill No. 8, insert the following: The Auditor of Public Accounts is hereby directed to draw his warrant in favor of such counties and cities which sustain net loss of revenue by the provisions of this act for the amount of such net loss or revenue of such counties and cities, respectively, in equal installments at the time and in the manner provided for settlement between the treasurers of such counties and cities and the said Auditor of Public Accounts. But this provision shall not be in force and effect except for the period of six years from the enactment of this act; which was rejected—yeas, 29; nays, 61.

On motion of MR. BROWNING, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Hughes, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pennington, Pitts, Reed, Robertson, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs—29.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Miller, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powell, Powers, Price, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—61.

MESSRS. PENNINGTON and LAND offered the following amendment in the nature of a substitute:

A bill to amend section 8 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue

for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved December 12, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That section 8 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved December 12, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

8. The classification under Schedule C shall be as follows:

First. Bonds, notes and other evidences of debt, including bonds of other States than Virginia, bonds of counties, cities and towns, bonds of railroad and canal companies and other corporations, bonds of individuals and all demands and claims, however evidenced, whether secured by deed of trust, judgment or otherwise, or not so secured.

The commissioner shall require each person, natural or artificial, residing in his district, city or town, to make out and deliver to said commission a list in detail of the date, amount for which originally given, but not the name of the debtor, the dates and amounts of the credits thereon, the balance due and the time of payment of all bonds, notes and other evidences of debt due and payable to such person in excess of one hundred dollars, and a statement of the aggregate amount of all bonds, notes and other evidences of debt under one hundred dollars each. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall furnish the necessary blanks for such lists and statements to the commissioner of the revenue.

This list and statement shall be signed and sworn to by the taxpayer before the commissioner of the revenue or some notary public, or some person authorized to administer oaths, who shall certify that said list was signed and sworn to before him. The commissioner shall sign the lists and determine the value of the bonds, notes and other evidences of debt therein enumerated, subject to an appeal from his valuation to the circuit or corporation court. The said list and statement shall include bonds of railroad and canal companies, bonds of counties, cities, towns and bonds of other States and corporations, bonds of all individuals and all demands and claims, however evidenced, whether due or not, from debtors residing out of or within the State or county, whether secured by deed of trust or by judgment or not, deducting from the aggregate amount thereof all such bonds, demands or claims not otherwise deducted owing to others as such prin-

principal debtor, and not as guarantor, endorser or surety, but not deducting any money that may be due to others on account of the purchase of securities which are non-taxable; but no bond, demand or claim constituting a part of the capital as defined in this act of the business done out of this State, or any capital used by any merchant or manufacturer and taxed under this act, shall be included in this section.

No credit shall be given for debts due nor deductions made unless such taxpayer shall append to said list an inventory showing the persons and address to whom said demands or debts are owing, and the amount of each.

This list shall be signed and sworn to by the taxpayer said commissioner to the clerk of the circuit, county or corporation court of his county or city, who shall file the same in his office, properly labeled, keeping the list for each year separate. If any person, firm or corporation shall, with a view to evade the payment of taxes, fail or refuse to make out and deliver, under oath, such list and statement as herein provided for of any such bonds, notes or other evidences of debt, then the omitted evidences of debt shall not be recoverable by action at law or suit in equity in any of the courts of this Commonwealth or by any legal process, or by sale under deed of trust, or otherwise, or until they shall have been reported for assessment, and the taxes paid thereon for the years that they should have been paid, with an addition of fifty per centum of the amount of said unpaid taxes, and the failure to make out such list and statement to the said commissioner shall be taken as *prima facie* evidence of the intention to so evade the payment of taxes.

The Auditor of Public Accounts, when he furnishes the necessary blanks as above provided, shall include the form of oath which he shall append thereto to the statement that no part of the indebtedness claimed by the taxpayer as deduction from the amount of all bonds, notes and other evidences of debt due to such taxpayer is on account of the purchase of securities which are non-taxable; and further, that no part of said indebtedness was created with a purpose to evade the payment of taxes, and any one who shall sign and swear to a false list shall be deemed guilty of perjury. But where in any such action at law or suit in equity it is ascertained that there are unpaid taxes and penalties on the evidence of debt sought to be enforced, and the suitor makes affidavit that he is unable to pay these taxes and penalties but is willing for the same to be paid out of the first recovery on the evidence of debt, the court shall have authority to enter as a part of any judgment or decreetal order in said proceedings that the amount of taxes and penalties due and owing shall be paid to the proper officer out of the first collection on said judgment or decree.



Second. All capital of individuals, including moneys, credits or other thing owned, used or employed in business out of this State.

Third. Capital of incorporated joint stock companies not otherwise taxed, and when all of such capital is taxed by the State of Virginia the shares of stock in the hands of individual shareholders shall not be further taxed for State purposes; but real estate belonging to such companies shall not be held to be capital, but shall be listed and taxed as property and not as capital.

Fourth. Capital of individuals invested, used or employed in any trade or business not otherwise taxed. Moneys and credits actively used and employed in carrying on the trade or business, materials, goods, wares and merchandise on hand and all solvent bonds, demands or claims made or contracted in the course of business during the preceding year shall be held to be capital in such trade or business and shall not be taxed otherwise than as such capital, but real estate shall not be listed as such capital but shall be assessed and taxed as other specific property.

Fifth. The aggregate amount of money and the value of principal and interest of personal estate and credits under control of a court receiver or commissioner in pursuance of any order, judgment or decree of any court, or of an agent, guardian or other fiduciary.

Sixth. Money and credits or personal estate deposited to the credit of any suit, and not in the hands of a receiver except funds, credits or estate placed in the hands of the receiver of a court or deposited to the credit of a suit to await adjudication and disbursement upon debts reported in suits or proceedings pending in such court.

All intangible property assessed under section 8 of this act, under the classification of Schedule C, shall be assessed for taxation at fifty per centum of its value, and when so assessed shall be subject to taxation for State and local purposes in the same manner as other property; which was rejected—yeas, 33; nays, 66.

On motion of MR. PENNINGTON, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Stearnes, Stubbs, Woodward—33.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Brown- ing, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kinsey, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Massie, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powell, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—66.

All amendments having been disposed of, the bill was temporarily

passed by, in accordance with resolution previously agreed to, and the consideration of

No. 7. House bill to create a State tax commission, to define its powers and duties, to fix the compensation of its members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act; was resumed.

The question being on ordering the bill to be engrossed and read at length a third time, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 29; nays, 68.

On motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Horner, Hughes, Jordan, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Stubbs, Woodward—29.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—68.

Mr. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to order the bill to be engrossed and read at length a third time; which was rejected.

The further consideration of

No. 8. House bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property; was resumed.

The question being on ordering the bill to be engrossed and read at length a third time was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 59; nays, 39.

On motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—59.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Green, Gunn, Harvey, Horner,

Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Stubbs, Walton, Woodward—39.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was rejected.

MR. KENT moved to dispense with the further reading of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 99; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, W. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—99.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 60; nays, 38.

The vote required by the constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—60.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Green, Gunn, Horner, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Stubbs, Woodward—38.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

On motion of MR. STUBBS, the House adjourned in respect to the memory of HON. S. F. CLEMENT.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. W. Kemper, of Hanover Avenue Christian Church.

On motion of MR. WINSTON, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 2, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bills entitled: An act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902, No. 43; and an act to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912, No. 61.

They have passed with amendments and amendment to title, House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time in the counties of Rockingham and Page, No. 22.

And they have passed Senate bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, No. 2; an act to authorize and empower George N. Wise and Sterling Nottingham, their associates, successors and assigns, to build, construct, maintain and operate a toll bridge or private bridge across and over the northwest prong of Back river, sometimes known as Wythe creek, lying between the counties of York and Elizabeth City, Virginia, under certain conditions, No. 41; an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to license and regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animal power, along and over public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations and for the licensing of chauffeurs, and to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles

and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, along and over the public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe for the violation of said rules, approved March 17, 1910, and further to provide for licensing dealers and garages, and for running motor vehicles for hire and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act, No. 44; an act to amend and re-enact, so far as the county of Powhatan is concerned, an act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled an act to provide for working of roads in the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and Goochland, approved March 3, 1884, as amended by an act approved March 19, 1914, No. 46; an act to validate, ratify, approve and confirm certain bonds heretofore and hereafter issued, and elections held authorizing the issuance of such bonds by Smyth County for Marion Magisterial District and St. Clair Magisterial District, for the purpose of macadamizing and otherwise permanently improving public roads or bridges of said magisterial districts, No. 49; an act to amend and re-enact section 8 of an act approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 12, 1908, entitled an act to define and regulate the sale, distribution, rectifying, manufacture and distilling of intoxicating liquors and malt beverages, and to impose license taxes thereon, and to prohibit the drinking of ardent spirits on railroad trains, and to repeal sections 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved February 19, 1904, and to prescribe penalties, No. 55; an act to amend and re-enact section 164 of the Code of Virginia of 1904, as amended by acts approved March 14, 1908, March 17, 1910, and January 30, 1914, No. 57; and an act to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be used for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force, as provided by an act approved March 6, 1906, known as the Lassiter-Withers' act, No. 61.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 22 House bill was, on motion of Mr. ROLSTON, placed on the calendar.

No. 57 Senate bill was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

No. 61 Senate bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Nos. 2 and 44 Senate bills were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Nos. 41 and 46 Senate bills were referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

Nos. 49 and 55 Senate bills were referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

The following House bills, having been considered by the Committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 71. House bill to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910.

No. 72. House bill to provide that the Auditor of Public Accounts shall be required to fix the date as of which all intangible property shall be assessed and assessable, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith.

No. 73. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1910.

House joint resolution, proposing amendment to section 168 of article 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, and providing for publishing said amendment and certifying the same to the next General Assembly of Virginia; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

MR. HORNER offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the joint resolution heretofore agreed to, limiting the introduction of bills, be, and the same is, hereby modified to allow the introduction, without special permission, of bills of a purely local nature, but none other; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. HORNER carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. HORNER: A bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of im-



proving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds upon their maturity.

By MESSRS. HUFF and BUCK: A bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 71. House bill to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910.

No. 72. House bill to provide that the Auditor of Public Accounts shall be required to fix the date as of which all intangible property shall be assessed and assessable, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith.

No. 73. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1910.

No. 22. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time in the counties of Rockingham and Page; came up.

The amendments proposed by the Senate were concurred in by the following vote—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Hefflin, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—68.

MR. ROLSTON moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments were concurred in; which was rejected.

The following Senate bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 32. Senate bill to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Boynton, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and within one mile of the corporate limits of the said town, approved February 14, 1901—yeas, 65; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Earman, Ferebee, Flanagan, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Harvey, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Winston and Mr. Speaker—68.

No. 15. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908—yeas, 67; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Harvey, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—67.

No. 18. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2 of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof—yeas, 66; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson,

Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—66.

No. 19. Senate bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation—yeas, 53; nays, 2.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Commins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Land, Lewis, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Winston and Mr. Speaker—53.

NAYS—Messrs. Powell and Powers—2.

No. 22. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, approved March 17, 1910; came up.

The amendments proposed by the Committee on Finance were agreed to.

MR. POWELL moved severally to amend the bill as follows:

Section 13, lines 2 to 9, strike out all after the words "shall be," and insert the following: "Ten cents where the consideration of the deed or the actual value of the property conveyed is one hundred dollars or less; where the consideration of the deed or the actual value of the property conveyed is over one hundred dollars." And in lines 28 to 32, strike out all after the words "shall be," and insert the following: "Ten where the consideration or value contracted for is one hundred dollars or less; where the consideration or value contracted for is over one hundred dollars"; which were severally agreed to.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the bill was read at length a third time and passed by the following vote—yeas, 63; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:



YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, J. William Daniel, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Hobson, Houston, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—63.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 32, 15, 18, 19 and 22 Senate bills were passed; were rejected.

The following House bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 58. House bill to make an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to be used by committee of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, viz.: General J. Thompson Brown, Capt. John Lamb and Capt. E. D. Taylor, to aid in entertaining the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond on June 2, 3, 4, 1915, who will assemble in Richmond on this date—yeas, 61; nays, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Fuller, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—61.

NAY—Mr. Grasty—1.

No. 68. House bill to provide for the rearrangement of voting precincts and to change the names of the same whenever, by annexation proceedings, portions of a county have been taken within a city, and providing how such proceedings shall be paid for—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 58 and 68 House bills were passed; were rejected.

The following House bills were, on motions severally made, dismissed:

No. 24. House bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation.

No. 25. House bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2 of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, societies and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 32. House bill to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 13 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, approved March 17, 1910.

No. 45. House bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

No. 19. House bill to amend and re-enact section 661 of the Code of Virginia, as amended and re-enacted, so as to provide that when the Commonwealth sells land for delinquent taxes the deed shall carry all the title that the Commonwealth had at the time of the sale.

No. 34. House bill to amend and re-enact section 603 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended and re-enacted; was, on motion of Mr. OLIVER, recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

No. 33. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

Mr. MONTAGUE moved to amend as follows: Amend House bill

No. 33, section 26, page 9, lines 19, 20, 21 and 22 by striking out all after the word "agents," in line 19, down to word "State," in line 22, inclusive; which was rejected.

MR. GUNN moved to amend as follows: Page 4, line 52, after the word "of," strike out "two and one-fourth," and insert "one and eighty-eight hundredths"; which was rejected. The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read at length a third time.

No. 44. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require all water companies, heat, light and power companies, and gas companies, to pay a franchise tax, a property tax, and to furnish certain reports to the State Corporation Commission, approved February 26, 1910, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, and to designate said bill as section 28½ of the tax bill when so amended and re-enacted; having been printed, was read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was rejected.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 47. House bill to amend and re-enact section 437-a of chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia, relating to assessments of mineral lands and the improvements, fixtures and machinery thereon, as enacted by an act to amend and re-enact chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the assessment of lands and lots, approved December 10, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 17, 1906, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1910, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 7, 1912; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. MYERS moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Finance; which was rejected by the following vote—yeas, 26; nays, 54.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Bonifant, Branscomb, Commins, Cousins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Harvey, Hughes, Milstead, Myers, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Price, Reed, Robertson, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Walton, Woodward—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Crawford, Crockett, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gunn, Harrison, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze,



Miller, Montague, Nelson, Norris, Pennington, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Rolston, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—54.

MR. CHALKLEY moved severally to amend the bill as follows: Page 3, line 16, strike out the word "or" and insert "which is hereby defined to be." Page 3, line 22, strike out "or" and insert "which is hereby defined to be land which." And in blank spaces in pages 4, 6, 7 and 8 insert words "State Corporation Commission"; which were severally agreed to. The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read at length a third time by the following vote—yeas, 44; nays, 38.

On motion of MR. GREGORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Crawford, Crockett, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Owen, Pennington, Pitts, Powell, Reed, Rolston, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—44.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Browning, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Hughes, Love, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powers, Price, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Terrell, Walton, Woodward—38.

No. 69. House bill to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the Circuit Court of Wise County; having been printed, was, on motion of MR. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar. The bill was read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of MR. BROWNING, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. W. Kemper, of Hanover Avenue Christian Church.

On motion of MR. CRAWFORD, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 3, 1915.*

The Senate have passed House bills entitled an act to amend

and re-enact an act to amend and re-enact section 4 of an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds, and to build bridges and macadamize the roads of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of the said county to vote on the question as amended, approved March 20, 1914, and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open, by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote upon the question of issuing bonds, No. 35; an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk, and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly of Virginia approved, respectively, April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 21, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 15, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk, as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly, approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906, No. 42; an act to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended, No. 49; an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates or refunds on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county, and to those residing four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved road, and limiting the toll rates, No. 51; and an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended, and to empower the board of supervisors of Frederick County to erect toll-gates on the roads in said county known as the Wardensville Grade, and demand and collect tolls thereon, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended, No. 52.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the Committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation:

No. 41. Senate bill to authorize and empower George N. Wise and Sterling Nottingham, their associates, successors and assigns, to build, construct, maintain and operate a toll bridge or private bridge across and over the northwest prong of Back river, sometimes known as Wythe creek, lying between the counties of York and Elizabeth City, Virginia, under certain conditions.

No. 46. Senate bill to amend and re-enact, so far as the county of Powhatan is concerned, an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled an act to provide for working of roads in the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and Goochland, approved March 3, 1884, as amended by an act approved March 19, 1914.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 49. Senate bill to validate, ratify, approve and confirm certain bonds heretofore and hereafter issued, and elections held authorizing the issuance of such bonds by Smyth County for Marion Magisterial District and St. Clair Magisterial District, for the purpose of macadamizing and otherwise permanently improving public roads or bridges of said magisterial districts.

No. 55. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 8 of an act approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 12, 1908, entitled an act to define and regulate the sale, distribution, rectifying, manufacture and distilling of intoxicating liquors and malt beverages, and to impose license taxes thereon, and to prohibit the drinking of ardent spirits on railroad trains, and to repeal sections 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved February 19, 1904, and to prescribe penalties.

No. 74. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity of commercial fertilizers, and the guarantee and condition upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties incurred for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved



December 28, 1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Mining.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds upon their maturity; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

MR. WILLIS offered the following joint resolution:

Whereas, it has been publicly charged by a member or members of the General Assembly of Virginia, That the value of the physical properties of the railroads in Virginia, as ascertained by the State Corporation Commission is vastly in excess of the amount at which such properties are assessed for taxation; and

Whereas, the said charge is to the further effect that the method followed by the State Corporation Commission in making the assess-

ment of such properties is such that the counties and cities are deprived of a large amount of assessed values, which should be apportioned between them; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the State Corporation Commission is requested to report to the General Assembly of Virginia at as early a date as practicable, the following information:

First. What is the value of the physical properties of the railroads of Virginia, as ascertained by the State Corporation Commission.

Second. Is the amount at which such physical properties are assessed for taxation by the State Corporation Commission less than the value of such properties as ascertained, as aforesaid, and if so, how much?

Third. What is the method pursued by the State Corporation Commission in ascertaining the amount at which such properties are assessed for taxation by the counties and cities; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WILLIS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WENDENBURG, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. STECK: A bill to amend and re-enact section 448 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved February 9, 1910.

By MR. MONTAGUE: A bill to amend and re-enact section 43 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1904, and by an act approved March 14, 1908, and by an act approved February 26, 1910.

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. CHALKLEY: A bill to authorize the town council of the town of Gladeville, in Wise County, to issue bonds to liquidate and pay off the indebtedness of said town.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following Senate bills were read at length a first time:

No. 41. Senate bill to authorize and empower George N. Wise

and Sterling Nottingham, their associates, successors and assigns, to build, construct, maintain and operate a toll bridge or private bridge across and over the northwest prong of Back river, sometimes known as Wythe creek, lying between the counties of York and Elizabeth City, Virginia, under certain conditions.

No. 46. Senate bill to amend and re-enact, so far as the county of Powhatan is concerned, an act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled an act to provide for working of roads in the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and Goochland, approved March 3, 1884, as amended by an act approved March 19, 1914.

No. 49. Senate bill to validate, ratify, approve and confirm certain bonds heretofore and hereafter issued, and elections held authorizing the issuance of such bonds by Smyth County for Marion Magisterial District and St. Clair Magisterial District for the purpose of macadamizing and otherwise permanently improving public roads or bridges of said magisterial districts.

No. 55. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 8 of an act approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 12, 1908, entitled an act to define and regulate the sale, distribution, rectifying, manufacture and distilling of intoxicating liquors and malt beverages, and to impose license taxes thereon, and to prohibit the drinking of ardent spirits on railroad trains, and to repeal sections 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved February 19, 1904, and to prescribe penalties.

No. 74. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity of commercial fertilizers, and the guarantee and condition upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved December 28, 1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914; was read at length a first time and ordered to be printed.

The following House bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 33. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on



public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof—yeas, 68; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Gregory, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—68.

NAY—Mr. Harris—1.

No. 44. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require all water companies, heat, light and power companies and gas companies to pay a franchise tax, a property tax, and to furnish certain reports to the State Corporation Commission, approved February 26, 1910, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, and to designate said bill as section 28½ of the tax bill when so amended and re-enacted—yeas, 72; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Gregory, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Hughes, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—72.

NAY—Mr. Reed—1.

No. 69. House bill to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the Circuit Court of Wise County—yeas, 78; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—78.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 33, 44 and 69, House bills, were passed; were rejected.

No. 47. House bill to amend and re-enact section 437-a of chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia, relating to assessments of mineral lands and the improvements, fixtures and machinery thereon, as enacted by an act to amend and re-enact chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the assessment of lands and lots, approved December 10, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 17, 1906, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 12, 1908, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1910, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 7, 1912; was read at length a third time and rejected by the following vote—yeas, 18; nays, 61.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Chalkley, Crawford, J. William Daniel, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Johnson, Land, Leedy, Looney, Massie, Rolston, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, H. C. Weaver, Williams—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Browning, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—61.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was rejected.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills, which had been passed by both Houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 22. House bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia relative to the returns to be made by land assessors and the penalty for their failure to comply with the requirements of the law, as amended by an act approved March 17, 1906, and by an act approved March 13, 1908, so as to provide for an extension of time.

No. 43. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 25, 1902, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in regard to the notice by publication of the codification of the ordinances of the city of Norfolk, approved March 10, 1902.

No. 18. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 30 of chapter 1, and section 13 of chapter 2 of an act entitled an act concerning the Bureau of Insurance, and insurance, guaranty, trust, indemnity, fidelity, security and fraternal benefit companies, associations, so-

cities and orders, and imposing penalties for its violation, approved March 9, 1906, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 61. House bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

No. 15. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 33 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908.

No. 19. Senate bill relating to the issuance of fire insurance policies through an underwriters' agency, and providing a penalty for its violation.

No. 32. Senate bill to repeal an act entitled an act to establish a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Boynton, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and within one mile of the corporate limits of the said town, approved February 14, 1901.

No. 36. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the county of Brunswick to issue bonds of the said county to an amount not exceeding \$57,000 in exchange for, and to raise funds to pay off, the outstanding bonds of said county, issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, approved January 30, 1914, to ratify the action of the said board of supervisors to the extent that it has issued bonds of the county pursuant to said act, to authorize the said board of supervisors to issue coupon bonds, or registered bonds as provided in said act, in exchange for, and to raise funds to pay off, the balance of the outstanding bonds of said county issued by it in payment of its subscription to the capital stock of the said Atlantic and Danville Railway Company, and to authorize the said board of supervisors, in its discretion, to issue coupon bonds authorized by this act in exchange for the registered bonds of the said county heretofore issued pursuant to said act approved January 30, 1914.

No. 37. House bill to establish a ferry across Coan river, in Northumberland County, at or near Coan wharf.

No. 13. House bill to provide a road board for Capeville Magisterial District, in Northampton County, to authorize the board of supervisors of Northampton County to borrow money for road purposes in Capeville District, and to repeal previous acts.



No. 20. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of lots purchased by the Commonwealth for delinquent taxes and not redeemed within four years or more, approved February 23, 1906; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

On motion of Mr. WHITE, the bill and the title of the bill were amended. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

No. 23. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 117 and 118 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 19, 1904, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended by an act which became a law March 20, 1914, without the Governor's approval, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 117 and 118 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution; having been printed, was, on motion of Mr. WEAVER *of Warren*, dismissed.

MR. GORDON moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was dismissed; which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. GORDON, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Browning, Crockett, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Field, Franklin, Gordon, Gregory, Johnson, Jordan, Love, Owen, Pitts, Pgwell, Price, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, H. C. Weaver, White—21.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Land, Leedy, Looney, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Massie, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powers, Radford, Rew, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—58.

The hour of 1:30 P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 62. House bill to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended in reference to the compensation of land assessors; having been printed, was read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

No. 30. House bill to require the actual consideration to be stated in all transfers of property by deed or other conveyances, or to be furnished to the clerk of the court, before any such deed or other conveyance is admitted to record; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend as follows: On page 2, line 15, after the word "officials," insert: "1-a. No clerk of a court of record in this State shall receive for record any deed, mortgage, or deed of trust by which any bond, note or other obligation is secured unless the name of the payee of such obligation is stated in such bond, mortgage, or deed of trust; provided, however, that such clerk shall record any deed of trust, mortgage, or deed which secures any issue of bonds offered for sale to the general public, or issued by any county, municipality, or other sub-division of the State, or which secures general creditors in a deed of assignment, whether the name of the payee be therein stated or not;" which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; which motion was rejected.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend the title by inserting after the word "record," the following: "And to require the name of the payee of any obligation secured by any deed, deed of trust or mortgage to be stated therein;" which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; which motion was rejected.

MR. LEEDY moved to amend as follows: Page 2, line 15, add after MR. WILLIS' amendment the following: "And it shall be the duty of the said clerk to make and keep an index of cestui que trusts or beneficiaries as well as grantors and grantees in trust deeds;" which was agreed to.

MR. LEEDY moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; which was rejected.

MR. WHITE moved to amend by adding at end of section 1-a the following: "But if it afterwards transpires that the actual consideration has not been correctly named, this shall in no case affect the recordation as to notice to creditors and innocent purchasers;" which was agreed to.

MR. WHITE moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; which was rejected. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was rejected.

On motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. H. C. Combs, State Secretary of the Christian Church.

On motion of MR. KENT, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 4, 1915.*

The Senate has passed Senate bill entitled an act relating to contract for textbooks adopted for use in the public free schools of the Commonwealth, No. 56.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 56 Senate bill was referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 2. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

No. 17. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910; with amendment.

No. 21. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914; with amendments.

No. 61. Senate bill to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to reim-



burse the superintendent of the penitentiary and to be used for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force, as provided by an act approved March 6, 1906, known as the Lassiter-Withers act; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

No. 75. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1433 of the Code of Virginia as amended by an act approved December 28, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1904, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, as amending sections 1433, 1437 and 1438 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the duties of the State Board of Education and of division superintendents of schools, to the composition of school divisions, and the salaries of division superintendents; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 76. House bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908.

No. 77. House bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds upon their maturity.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 78. House bill providing for the revesting in the Commonwealth of all lands or lots sold for delinquent taxes, and making same lie in grant by warrants as in case of waste, vacant and unappropriated lands.

No. 79. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 17, 1910, to allow the land assessors of the State further time in which to make their returns for the year nineteen hundred and ten, and making certain provisions for the review, revision and correction of their assessments under certain conditions.

No. 80. House bill to require reduction after each reassessment of real estate in the State tax rate on real estate and tangible property when there is an increase in the valuation of such property.

No. 81. House bill to amend and re-enact section 448 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved February 9, 1910.

No. 82. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 83. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 494, 496, 497 and 498 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessment and valuation of personal property, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 8, 1898, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 494, 496, 497 and 498 of the Code of Virginia relating to the assessment and valuation of personal property.

A bill to authorize the town council of the town of Gladeville, in Wise County, to issue bonds to liquidate and pay off the indebtedness of said town; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

The following House bills, heretofore referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges, were reported back with the recommendation that they be referred to the Committee on Finance:

House bill to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds shall consist of, approved March 25, 1914.

House bill to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds.

The bills were so referred.

THE SPEAKER announced the following committee appointments in place of Mr. Clements, deceased: General Laws, MR. MEETZE; Privileges and Elections, MR. REED; Immigration, MR. COMMINS, as chairman.

MR. STUBBS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules be requested to report to

the House the most important bills pending, and when the report is made, these bills shall be considered before any other business; the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. LESNER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring). That the joint rule heretofore adopted limiting the introduction of bills to those affecting the tax system of the State and bills of a purely local nature, be suspended to permit the introduction of a bill prescribing the manner in which cities in this Commonwealth having a population in excess of 75,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 inhabitants may request the General Assembly to grant a special form of government for any such city, under section 117 of the Constitution, providing for the holding of special elections in relation thereto, and to repeal, so far as it may be in conflict therewith, section 14 of an act of the General Assembly, approved March 13, 1914, and entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government; in which they request the concurrence of the House. Resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. COUSINS inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the resolution.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MESSRS. COUSINS and WOODWARD: A bill prescribing the manner in which cities in this Commonwealth having a population in excess of 75,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 inhabitants may request the General Assembly to grant a special form of government for any said city under section 117 of the Constitution, providing for the holding of special elections in relation thereto, and to repeal, so far as it may be in conflict therewith, section 14 of an act of the General Assembly, approved March 13, 1914, and entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government.

By MR. WILLIS: A bill to amend and re-enact section 103 of an act approved February 28, 1896, entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Roanoke, as amended by an act approved February 26, 1908, and to amend section 104 of said act approved February 28, 1896.

By MESSRS. ADAMS, POWERS and CAWTHORN: A bill to provide



for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration with jurisdiction for said purposes for the city of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland, Appomattox.

To the Committee on Library:

By MESSRS. CHALKLEY, MONTAGUE, PITTS and WEAVER: Joint resolution providing for disposing of books, pamphlets, etc., assembled by the Tax Commission.

To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MR. BREWER: A bill in relation to the appropriation for dormitories to congressional district high schools in chapter 199 of the 1914 Acts of the General Assembly.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following Senate bills were read at length a first time:

No. 2. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

No. 17. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910.

No. 21. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914.

No. 61. Senate bill to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to reimburse the superintendent of the penitentiary, and to be used for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force as provided by an act approved March 6, 1906, known as the Lassiter-Withers' act.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 75. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1433 of the Code of Virginia as amended by an act approved December 28, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1904, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act, approved March 14, 1908, amending sections 1433, 1437 and 1438 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the duties of the State Board of Education and of

division superintendents of schools, to the composition of school divisions and the salaries of division superintendents.

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No. 77. House bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds upon their maturity.

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No. 80. House bill to require reduction after each assessment of real estate in the State tax rate on real estate and tangible personal property when there is an increase in the valuation of such property.

No. 81. House bill to amend and re-enact section 448 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved February 9, 1910.

No. 82. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 83. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 494, 496, 497 and 498 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the assessment and valuation of personal property, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 8, 1898, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 494, 496, 497 and 498 of the Code of Virginia relating to the assessment and valuation of personal property.

The following House bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 20. House bill to amend and re-enact section 5 of an act entitled an act to authorize the sale of lots purchased by the Com-

monwealth for delinquent taxes and not redeemed within four years or more, approved February 23, 1906—yeas, 65; nays, 6.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Brown, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Heflin, Horner, Houston, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston—65.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Chalkley, Oliver, Pitts, Powers and Mr. Speaker—6.

No. 62. House bill to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended in reference to the compensation of land assessors—yeas, 75; nays, 7.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—75.

NAYS—Messrs. Branscomb, Browning, Field, Franklin, Powell, Powers, H. C. Weaver—7.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 20 and 62 House bills were passed; were rejected.

No. 30. House bill to require the actual consideration to be stated in all transfers of property by deed or other conveyance, or to be furnished to the clerk of the court before any such deed or other conveyance is admitted to record, and to require the name of the payee of any obligations secured by any deed, deed of trust or mortgage to be therein stated; was read at length a third time and rejected by the following vote—yeas, 52; nays, 29.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brown, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gregory, Gunn, Hobson, Horner, Hughes, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Reed, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Williams, Winston—52.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Branscomb, Browning, Field, Gordon, Grant,



Harrison, Heflin, Houston, Johnson, Jordan, Massie, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Page, Pennington, Powers, Price, Rew, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—29.

MR. WHITE moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. WHITE, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

The following Senate bills were read at length a second time:

No. 41. Senate bill to authorize and empower George N. Wise and Sterling Nottingham, their associates, successors and assigns, to build, construct, maintain and operate a toll bridge or private bridge across and over the northwest prong of Back river, sometimes known as Wythe creek, lying between the counties of York and Elizabeth City, Virginia, under certain conditions.

No. 46. Senate bill to amend and re-enact, so far as the county of Powhatan is concerned, an act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled an act to provide for working of roads in the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and Goochland, approved March 3, 1884, as amended by an act approved March 19, 1914.

No. 49. Senate bill to validate, ratify, approve and confirm certain bonds heretofore and hereafter issued, and elections held authorizing the issuance of such bonds by Smyth County for Marion Magisterial District and St. Clair Magisterial District for the purpose of macadamizing and otherwise permanently improving public roads or bridges of said magisterial districts.

No. 55. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 8 of an act approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 12, 1908, entitled an act to define and regulate the sale, distribution, rectifying, manufacture and distilling of intoxicating liquors and malt beverages, and to impose license taxes thereon, and to prohibit the drinking of ardent spirits on railroad trains, and to repeal sections 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved February 19, 1904, and to prescribe penalties.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills, which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 4. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the revision, codification and indexing with suitable

marginal citations and references, of the statute law of Virginia, for the printing, publication and disposition thereof, to appoint commissioners therefor and to fix their compensation, to provide for the necessary clerical assistants to said commissioners and to appropriate the necessary funds for said work, approved March 21, 1914.

No. 6. House bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth street in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882.

No. 35. House bill to amend and re-enact an act to amend and re-enact section 4 of an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds and to build bridges and macadamize the roads of said county, and to authorize the qualified voters of the said county to vote on the question as amended, approved March 20, 1914, and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open, by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county and to authorize the qualified voters of said county to vote upon the question of issuing bonds.

No. 42. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 24, 1914, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 28 of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 14, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia in force January 21, 1884, entitled an act providing a charter for the city of Norfolk and repealing the existing charter, approved April 21, 1882, as amended by the several acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved, respectively, April 6, 1887, April 28, 1887, May 14, 1887, February 14, 1900, February 21, 1900, February 26, 1900, February 2, 1901, February 15, 1901, March 15, 1902, and to define the boundaries of the said city of Norfolk, as extended by the several acts of the General Assembly approved April 6, 1887, February 22, 1890, and March 14, 1902, and by an order of the Circuit Court of Norfolk County, which was entered on the 9th day of January, 1906.

No. 49. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended.

No. 51. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania County to give rebates or refunds on tolls collected from those traveling the improved roads of said county who have made or shall hereafter make private subscriptions to the building of roads or bridges in said county and those residing four miles or less from any toll-gate and habitually using four miles or less of improved roads and limiting the toll rates.

No. 52. House bill to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of Rappahannock County to erect toll-gates and to demand and collect tolls on the macadamized roads of the county of Rappahannock, and to provide how such tolls are to be expended, and to empower the board of supervisors of Frederick County to erect toll-gates on the road in said county known as the Wardensville grade and demand and collect tolls thereon, and provide how such tolls are to be expended.

No. 46. House bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

The amendment proposed by the Committee on Finance as follows: Strike out lines 24 and 25, page 3, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "on all companies doing express business within this State, one and one-quarter per cent.;" was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed and read at length a third time.

No. 63. House bill to license to manufacture and sell butterine and other so-called butter preparations other than butter from pure cows' milk; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. ROBERTSON moved severally to amend the bill as follows: Add, after line 14, the following: "Said license to be displayed publicly in said place of business in easy view of all customers." Strike out the word "selling," in line 17, page 2, and insert the following after the word "person": "who is the keeper of a hotel, eating house or restaurant who shall serve in his place of business;" which were severally agreed to.

The question being on ordering the bill to be engrossed, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 23; nays, 45.

On motion of Mr. GREGORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Dalton, Gordon, Gregory, Meetze, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Robertson, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Terrell, Walton, Winston—23.



NAYS—Messrs. Birrell, Brown, Cawthorn, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dodson, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Philpott, Price, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stubbs, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—45.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to engross the bill; which was rejected.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 71. House bill to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

On motions severally made by MESSRS. GUNN and BIRRELL, the bill was severally amended. The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which motion was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had passed, with an amendment, House bill entitled an act to segregate for the purpose of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, No. 8; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House.

MR. OLIVER moved that the bill, with the amendment proposed by the Senate, be printed; which motion was agreed to.

MR. PENNINGTON offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Senate has passed House bill No. 8 with the following amendment: "provided that each city and each incorporated town may levy upon all said taxable intangible personal property liable in such city or town and segregated to the State for the purposes of tax-

ation, an additional tax not to exceed thirty cents upon each hundred dollars, and each county may levy upon all said taxable intangible personal property liable in such county and segregated to the State for the purposes of taxation, except such as may be assessable under this act in incorporated town, a tax not to exceed the rate of thirty cents upon each hundred dollars, the proceeds of collection to be applied by such city, town or county, as other taxes are applied;" and

Whereas, a question has been raised as to whether the amendment would render said act unconstitutional, and the House of Delegates desires the opinion of the Attorney General of Virginia as to whether said amendment will render said act unconstitutional; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Attorney General be requested to state in writing his opinion upon the question raised; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. WEAVER, the bill was passed by.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. FLETCHER, who informed the House that the Senate had passed Senate bill entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments; to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money, by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, No. 63; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House. The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. STEPHENSON, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. W. Kemper, of Hanover Avenue Christian Church.

On motion of Mr. BIRRELL, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

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*In Senate, February 5, 1915.*

The Senate have passed, with amendments, House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 14, 1908, entitled an act to authorize supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers, in the respective counties and cities, No. 41.

And they have passed Senate bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½-a, 46½-b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51-a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118-a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 141 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, No. 11; and an act to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908, No. 73.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 41 House bill was, on motion of MR. STUBBS, placed on the calendar.

No. 11 Senate bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 73 Senate bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 30. House engrossed bill to require the actual consideration to be stated in all transfers of property by deed or other conveyance, or to be furnished to the clerk of the court before any such deed or other conveyance is admitted to record, and to require the name of the payee of any obligation secured by any deed, deed of trust or mortgage to be therein stated; heretofore recommitted to the Committee on Finance, was reported back with an amendment.

No. 84. House bill to amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia in relation to State depositories; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance.



No. 85. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Gladeville, in Wise County, to issue bonds to liquidate and pay off the indebtedness of said town; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

House joint resolution providing for disposal of books, pamphlets, etc., assembled by the Tax Commission; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Library.

House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants for the election of a special justice of the peace to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of such police justices in said cities and towns to such civil and police justice, approved March 20, 1914; was presented by MR. BIRRELL and referred, under Rule 37, to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

MR. BIRRELL moved to discharge the Committee for Courts of Justice from the further consideration of the bill, which was agreed to by the following vote—yeas, 71; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams and Mr. Speaker—71.

NAY—Mr. Milstead—1.

The bill, No. 86, was placed on the calendar.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following House joint resolution proposing amendment to section 168 of article 13 of the Constitution of Virginia, and providing for publishing said amendment and certifying the same to the next General Assembly:

Be it resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring, a majority of the members elected to each house agreeing thereto), That the following amendment to the Constitution of Virginia be, and the same is, hereby proposed and referred to the General Assembly to be chosen at the next general election of members of the House of Delegates for its concurrence, in conformity with the provisions

of section 50 of article 4 of said Constitution; namely, to strike out from the Constitution of Virginia section 168 of article 13, which is in the following words:

“Section 168. All property, except as hereinafter provided, shall be taxed; all taxes, whether State, local or municipal, shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws”; and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 168. All property, except as hereinafter provided, shall be taxed; all taxes, whether State, local or municipal, shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under the general laws, except that to each householder or head of a family there shall be exempt from taxation tangible personal property of a fair market value of two hundred dollars.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words “section 50 of article 4,” and inserting in lieu thereof “section 196 of article 15”; which was rejected.

MR. GORDON moved to amend by adding at the end of section 168 the following: “In case such householder does not own personal property in excess of two hundred dollars”; which was rejected.

MR. MYERS moved to amend by striking out the words “householder or head of a family,” and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “property-holder”; which was rejected.

The resolution was rejected by the following vote—yeas, 15; nays, 62.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Chalkley, Fuller, Hughes, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Page, Pitts, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Stubbs, A. G. Weaver—15.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Franklin, Gordon, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—62.

MR. LOVE moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was rejected; which motion was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

The General Assembly of Virginia has heard with pleasure of the intention of the Colonial Dames of America, in the State of Vir-

ginia, to erect a handsome memorial to Nathaniel Bacon, and of their desire to place the same in some suitable location in the Capitol building; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That a committee consisting of the Governor, the Lieutenant-Governor and THE SPEAKER of the House of Delegates be requested to confer with the Colonial Dames as to the most appropriate place in which to erect said memorial, and the committee are hereby authorized to give permission for the location of said memorial wherever, in their judgment, it is deemed most appropriate to erect the same.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the joint resolution before the House. The joint resolution was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WILLIAMS inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

The following bills were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. NOLAND: A bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended.

To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MR. WILLIS: A bill to appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 84. House bill to amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia in relation to State depositories.

No. 85. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Gladeville, in Wise County, to issue bonds to liquidate and pay off the indebtedness of said town.

The motion entered by MR. WILLIS to reconsider the vote by which

No. 59. House bill to exempt Roanoke city from the provisions of section 3 of an act approved March 13, 1914, entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government, and to



designate a time for holding elections thereunder, and to fix the terms of officers affected by this act; was ordered to be engrossed, came up.

On motion of MR. WILLIS, the bill was dismissed.

No. 86. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants for the election of a special justice of the peace to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of such police justices in said cities and towns to such civil and police justice, approved March 20, 1914; was, on motion of MR. BIRRELL, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. BIRRELL moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to by the following vote—yeas, 75; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—75.

NAY—Mr. Milstead—1.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed. The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative by the following vote—yeas, 72; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—72.

NAY—Mr. Milstead—1.

MR. BIRRELL moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which motion was rejected.

No. 8. House bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds

and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property; came up.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Attorney General:

*February 6, 1915.*

*To the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Virginia, Richmond:*

GENTLEMEN:

I am in receipt of a resolution passed by your honorable body on last evening requesting my opinion in writing upon the constitutionality of the Senate amendment (known as the "Tavenner amendment") to House bill No. 8 providing for partial segregation of subjects of taxation. The bill as it passed the House provided that intangible personal property should be the subject of State taxation only. The purpose of the Tavenner amendment was to allow, in addition to the State tax, a local or municipal levy not exceeding thirty cents per one hundred dollars. The amendment in question is as follows:

"Provided that each city and each incorporated town may levy upon all said taxable intangible personal property liable in such city or town and segregated to the State for purposes of taxation an additional tax not to exceed thirty cents upon each hundred dollars, and each county may levy upon all said taxable intangible personal property liable in such county and segregated to the State for the purposes of taxation, except such as may be assessable under this act in incorporated towns, a tax not to exceed the rate of thirty cents upon each hundred dollars, the proceeds of collection to be applied by such city, town or county, as other taxes are applied, and"—

1. The first question raised is whether the proposed amendment violates section 168 of the Constitution, which provides that: "\* \* \* all taxes, whether State, local or municipal, shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax \* \* \*" From an examination of the terms of the amendment, it will be seen that the board of supervisors of a county would have no authority to tax intangible personal property of citizens of the county who resided in incorporated towns. If, therefore, the board of supervisors of a county should levy a tax on intangible personal property and the council of a town located in the county should fail to levy such a tax, then those citizens of a county residing outside the corporate limits of towns would be subject to a tax on "intangibles," while those citizens of the same county residing in incorporated towns would be free from such tax. Under this condition the question arises whether such a tax would be obnoxious to the terms of the Constitution declaring that "taxes must be uniform \* \* \* within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax." This question, of course, would not arise where such a tax in towns was levied by the town council, because the territorial limits of their taxing authority is within the corporate lines. In the case of *Campbell v. Bryant*, 104 Va. 509, the court decided that the General Assembly had no power to exempt the taxable persons and property in a town situated within the limits of a county and forming a part thereof, and based its decision upon the section of the Constitution above quoted.

I am, therefore, to say the least, doubtful as to whether the courts would uphold the Tavenner amendment in its present form, and if your honorable body shares in the doubt here expressed, I respectfully suggest, for your consideration, that the able constitutional lawyers in your body

may be able to so change the Tavenner amendment as to substantially accomplish its purpose and at the same time relieve it from the constitutional objection referred to.

2. Another objection which has been raised to the amendment is that it provides for a tax on intangible property at a rate other and different from the rate which may be levied on real estate within the same jurisdiction. I can find no provision of the Constitution which requires all classes of property to be taxed at the same rate. It is not uncommon to tax real estate at one rate and other classes of property at another rate. The present General Assembly at its regular session fixed the rate of taxation on money at another and different rate from that levied on other classes of property. Inasmuch as there is no constitutional provision to the contrary, I am of the opinion that the objection here referred to is not well taken.

3. The third objection which has been raised to the amendment is that it undertakes to segregate intangible personal property for State taxation only, and then provides that it shall also be subject to local taxation. In answer to this objection it should be stated that under the amendment, segregation as applied to intangible personal property is a misnomer. Such property is not thereby segregated. It is left for taxation both to the State and the localities just as at present; the only change being in the rate of taxation to be fixed by the State and the localities, respectively. No one would doubt that it is perfectly competent for the General Assembly to change the prevailing rates of taxation.

In justice to the General Assembly and to the Attorney-General it should be borne in mind that the views here expressed are necessarily hurriedly formulated. Your resolution was not received until last evening, and I am informed that the short time still at the disposal of the General Assembly makes it desirable that your body should have for its consideration this morning such views as I have been able to form within the limited time allotted me, so that, if you share in such views, you may, if you so desire, devote your attention at once to the eliminating from the bill, as far as possible, the constitutional questions raised.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GARLAND POLLARD,  
*Attorney-General of Virginia.*

The amendment proposed by the Senate was rejected by the following vote—yeas, none; nays, 69.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YAYS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Radford, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—69.

MR. WEAVER of Warren moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which motion was rejected.

No. 41. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 14, 1908, entitled an act to authorize supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a spe-



cial levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers in their respective counties and cities; came up.

The amendment proposed by the Senate was concurred in by the following vote—yeas, 65; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—65.

MR. STUBBS moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was concurred in; which motion was rejected.

The following Senate bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 41. Senate bill to authorize and empower George N. Wise and Sterling Nottingham, their associates, successors and assigns, to build, construct, maintain and operate a toll bridge or private bridge across and over the northwest prong of Back river, sometimes known as Wythe creek, lying between the counties of York and Elizabeth City, Virginia, under certain conditions—yeas, 70; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward—70.

No. 46. Senate bill to amend and re-enact, so far as the county of Powhatan is concerned, an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled an act to provide for working of roads in the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and Goochland, approved March 3, 1884, as amended by an act approved March 19, 1914—yeas, 70; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Harrison, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry

B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston—70.

No. 49. Senate bill to validate, ratify, approve and confirm certain bonds heretofore and hereafter issued, and elections held authorizing the issuance of such bonds by Smyth County for Marion Magisterial District and St. Clair Magisterial District for the purpose of macadamizing and otherwise permanently improving the public roads or bridges of said magisterial districts—yeas, 67; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Gregory, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—67.

No. 55. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 8 of an act approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 12, 1908, entitled an act to define and regulate the sale, distribution, rectifying, manufacture and distilling of intoxicating liquors and malt beverages, and to impose license taxes thereon, and to prohibit the drinking of ardent spirits on railroad trains, and to repeal sections 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved February 19, 1904, and to prescribe penalties—yeas, 66; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—66.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 41, 46, 49 and 55 Senate bills were passed; were rejected.

On motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., of Second Presbyterian Church.

On motion of Mr. DANIEL of Loudoun, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clérk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 6, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, incorporating the town of Tappahannock, in the county of Essex, No. 67; an act to extend to national banks the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred upon trust companies under an act entitled an act to provide how trust companies may be incorporated, and to provide for general powers for the purpose of doing a trust business in this State in addition to a general banking business, approved March 27, 1914, No. 39; an act to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912, No. 60; an act to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water-mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purposes named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof, No. 65; and an act to authorize and direct the board of supervisors of Essex County to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of the road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914 by the county of Essex on the real and personal property in said town, No. 66.

And they have passed House bill, with amendments, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1169-b of the Code of Virginia as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1164, 1168, 1169 and 1170 and 1171 of the Code of Virginia, and to add independent sections thereto, so as to provide for the examination of banks and other similar institutions in this State and to make certain general provisions and for the conduct of the business of banking, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof, approved March 17, 1910, No. 38.

And they have passed Senate bills entitled an act making valid the



recording of deeds and other writings of corporations, heretofore executed or recorded, upon certain certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by officers of such corporations, No. 58; an act to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election and a majority of the registered voters of said town and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds upon their maturity, No. 74; and an act prescribing the manner in which cities in this Commonwealth having a population in excess of 75,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 inhabitants may request the General Assembly to grant a special form of government for any such city under section 117 of the Constitution, providing for the holding of special elections in relation thereto and to repeal, so far as it may be in conflict therewith, section 14 of an act of the General Assembly approved March 13, 1914, and entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government, No. 77.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 38 House bill was, on motion of MR. SPESSARD, placed on the calendar.

No. 58 Senate bill was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

Nos. 74 and 77 Senate bills were referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 73. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 63. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money, by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor and to provide penalties for the violation of this act; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance, with amendments.

The following House bills having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 87. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds consist of, approved March 25, 1914.

No. 88. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun County, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration with jurisdiction for said purposes for the city of Richmond and counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland and Appomattox; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

A bill prescribing the manner in which cities in this Commonwealth having a population in excess of 75,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 inhabitants may request the General Assembly to grant a special form of government for any said city under section 117 of the Constitution, providing for the holding of special elections in relation thereto, and to repeal, so far as it may be in conflict therewith, section 14 of an act of the General Assembly, approved March 13,

1914, and entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend section 103 of an act approved February 28, 1896, entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Roanoke, as amended by an act approved February 26, 1908, and to amend section 104 of said act approved February 28, 1896; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

MR. BAKER offered the following joint resolution:

Whereas, the reports of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health show that one in eight deaths in Virginia is due to tuberculosis; and

Whereas, this disease reaches all classes of citizens and affects vitally the physical and economic conditions of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the State Board of Health and the various municipalities in the State are expending large sums of money in combatting tuberculosis; and

Whereas, it seems desirable at this time to formulate a general and comprehensive plan for the control of tuberculosis in Virginia; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That there shall be constituted a commission for the study of tuberculosis in Virginia, consisting of five, appointed by the Governor, who shall



consider the question in all its phases and report to the next General Assembly a comprehensive plan for the control of tuberculosis in Virginia.

Section 2. The members of this commission shall serve without pay. The necessary expenses of the commission, not to exceed \$250, shall be paid from appropriations authorized by law for the expenses of the State Board of Health; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. BAKER carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Governor:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, February 8, 1915.

*To the General Assembly:*

The existence of foot-and-mouth disease among live stock in many sections of the country, and even in our own State, makes the possibility of immense loss to the farmers of Virginia so imminent as to justify an appeal to the General Assembly at the present session to provide the means of fighting this menace.

Since the appearance of this, the most fatal and possibly the most contagious of all diseases that attack cattle, sheep and swine, every precaution has been taken by the proper officials of this State to prevent the entrance of infection. The State Veterinarian has been diligent, and the State Live Stock Sanitary Board has readily and promptly co-operated. Such means as the law provides have been put in force to save Virginia farmers from the threatened loss. On November 9, 1914, I issued a proclamation establishing a quarantine against the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, and forbidding the movement into Virginia of cattle from any of said States. On the same day I issued another proclamation quarantining all cattle received in Virginia since October 1, 1914, and forbidding their removal until the order was rescinded.

In spite of these precautions, the disease appeared in the county of Loudoun among cattle brought into the State prior to the issuance of the proclamation of November 9th. On November 26, 1914, I declared that county quarantined, and forbade movement of cattle therefrom. This action, promptly taken, was effective, and within a short time it became practicable to modify the quarantine so as to make it apply only to territory within five miles of Waterford.

Noting the continued spread of infection throughout the country, I proclaimed, on February 5, 1915, a quarantine against the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, which not only applied to live stock, but also established quarantine against shipments from any of said States of hides, skins, wool, hair, horns and hoofs of live stock, and of hay, straw or similar fodder, manure or litter, excepting when accompanied in each instance by a Federal permit, issued by an officer of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, in accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture.

But in spite of all the care exercised by the agencies mentioned, and in

spite of the active co-operation given us by officials of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, the disease has now appeared in pens used in connection with certain abattoirs adjacent to the Union Stock Yards in the city of Richmond in a shipment of swine just received from another State for immediate slaughter. In consequence thereof, I have issued a proclamation quarantining the Union Stock Yards, in Richmond, and have caused the diseased swine to be slaughtered.

The statutes give ample power, but we are without means to cope with the situation should it become dangerous. Such expenses as were incurred by the situation in Loudoun County were defrayed from the Governor's civil contingent fund. The danger of terrific loss to every farmer in Virginia, to say nothing of the indirect loss to the whole State, is so great that I would respectfully urge your honorable body to make an immediate appropriation of \$10,000 to be used, so far as may be necessary, for the purpose of preventing the spread of foot-and-mouth disease in Virginia. This sum should be expended by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board with the approval of the executive, and payments from the fund should be upon the order of the State Veterinarian, with the approval of the Governor, and complete accounting, showing itemized expenditure, should be made to the next session of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART, *Governor*.

MR. ADAMS offered the following joint resolution :

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the rules in relation to the introduction of bills be modified to allow the introduction and consideration of a bill to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of preventing the spread of infection of foot-and-mouth disease among live stock in this State; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. ADAMS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WATKINS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

House bill to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of preventing the spread of infection of foot-and-mouth disease among live stock in this State; was presented by MR. ADAMS, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MR. ADAMS moved to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from the further consideration of the bill, which was agreed to by the following vote—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows :

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Onver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Réw, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck,

Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—79.

House bill No. 89 was placed on the calendar.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. BREWER: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 16 of the charter of the city of Suffolk, as heretofore amended, approved March 4, 1912.

By MESSRS. TAYLOR and GRASTY: A bill to authorize the town council of the town of Waynesboro to call a special election of the qualified voters of said town to determine whether or not all live stock shall be prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of the town of Waynesboro, Virginia.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MESSRS. BARLEY, MYERS, GREGORY, STUBBS and GORDON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 2 of an act entitled an act to provide for the segregation of the tax upon money on deposit or otherwise, and to make it liable to taxation by the State alone, and to fix the rate of such taxation, approved January 29, 1914.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following Senate bills were read at length a first time:

No. 73. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908.

No. 63. Senate bill to create a State advisory board of taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act; to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 87. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds consist of, approved March 25, 1914.



No. 88. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds.

No. 89. House bill to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of preventing the spread of infection of foot-and-mouth disease among the stock in this State; was, on motion of Mr. ADAMS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. ADAMS moved to dispense with the printing and the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to by the following vote—yeas, 80; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—80.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative by the following vote—yeas, 84; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—84.

Mr. ADAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

Ordered that Mr. ADAMS carry the bill to the Senate and request their concurrence.

No. 38. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1169-b of the Code of Virginia as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1164, 1168, 1169 and 1170 and 1171

of the Code of Virginia, and to add independent sections thereto, so as to provide for the examination of banks and other similar institutions in this State, and to make certain general provisions and for the conduct of the business of banking, and to provide penalties for the violations of the provisions here, approved March 17, 1910: came up.

On motion of MR. SPESSARD, the amendments proposed by the Senate were concurred in by the following vote—yeas, 64; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—64.

MR. SPESSARD moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments proposed by the Senate were concurred in; which was rejected.

No. 30. House bill to require the actual consideration to be stated in all transfers of property by deed or other conveyance, or to be furnished to the clerk of the court before any such deed or other conveyance is admitted to record, and to require the name of the payee of any obligation secured by any deed, deed of trust or mortgage to be therein stated; came up.

The amendments proposed by the Committee on Finance were agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative by the following vote—yeas, 56; nays, 4.

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Franklin, Fuller, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis—56.

NAYS—Messrs. Field, Gordon, Massie and Mr. Speaker—4.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

On motion of MR. FIELD—

No. 71. House bill to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest

on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910; was dismissed.

The following Senate bills were read at length a second time:

No. 2. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

No. 17. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910.

No. 21. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914.

No. 61. Senate bill to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to reimburse the superintendent of the penitentiary and to be used for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force as provided by an act approved March 6, 1906, known as the Lassiter-Withers' act.

No. 27. House bill to amend and re-enact section 17, in reference to tax on banks and trust and security companies, of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend by striking out the emergency clause; which was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved severally to amend the bill as follows:

On pages 4 and 5, in line 64, strike out the words "continue to be and constitute," and also lines 64 to 78, both inclusive, and in lieu thereof insert the following: "be taxed as deposits in banks, and at the same rate as deposits in banks are taxed under existing law, and the tax thereon shall be paid by the receiver of such bank or banking association or trust or security company; which was rejected.

MR. WHITE moved to amend the bill as follows:

Line 66, after the word "therein," insert the words "except that the depositor shall be required to give his deposit at the actual value for taxation according to law"; which was agreed to.

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.



The following House bills having been printed, were read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

No. 70. House bill to amend and re-enact an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants, for the election of a special justice of the peace to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of such police justices in said cities to such civil and police justices, approved March 20, 1914.

No. 72. House bill to provide that the Auditor of Public Accounts shall be required to fix the date as of which all intangible property shall be assessed and assessable, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith; amended.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which No. 72 House bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was rejected.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Governor:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, February 8, 1915.

*To the General Assembly:*

I have the honor to transmit herewith certain resolutions of greeting which the State of North Carolina has sent through its Governor, the Honorable Locke Craig, to the State of Virginia, in regard to the Southern National Highway.

The Southern National Highway appeals irresistibly to the patriotic impulse. It links together Richmond and Washington, the South and the North from coast to coast. With conditions favoring outdoor life at a time when many in the North seek relief from cold, this highway promises much for that national unity which is born of personal touch and closer acquaintance formed in travel. When we consider these things, we conclude that President Wilson must have had in mind the great through routes of auto travel when he stated at the American Road Congress at Atlantic City that his enthusiasm for good roads was mainly because they promoted the wider acquaintance which breaks down sectionalism and enables people to think, feel and act together in all that pertains to the national life. I agree with Governor Craig in his estimate of the value of this highway, not only to the South, but to the entire country, and believe Virginia should join the other States in this work of lofty constructive patriotism.

When the improvement of a particular road is of such importance as to be demanded by an entire State, and when a number of States spanning

the continent have linked together a series of roads of such Statewide importance, thereby constituting a transcontinental highway, the co-operation of the Federal government with the States in the improvement of this road, among others, would seem not only justified, but inevitable, should the Federal government decide to enter upon the construction of a system of highways.

It would seem fitting that resolutions of response be sent to the State of North Carolina granting the action which is requested in the resolutions as fully as possible and practicable. Constitutional and statutory limitations will not permit an appropriation to build the Virginia link of this highway; nevertheless, some course of action may be devised by which this most desirable result may be secured by Federal aid or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART, *Governor.*

Resolutions of Greeting from the State of North Carolina to the States of Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California for the completion of the Southern National Highway. Adopted by unanimous vote of the General Assembly of North Carolina, by the House on January 29, 1915, by the Senate February 1, 1915:

Whereas, a commission appointed by the Governors of all the Southern States met at Asheville, North Carolina, on February 13, 1913, and, acting under the instruction and authority of the States whose commission they bore, designated the route of an all-southern transcontinental highway, which they named the Southern National Highway, and which runs as follows: Washington to Richmond, Durham, across North Carolina over the central highway of the State; Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis, Little Rock, Hot Springs, Dallas, Fort Worth, Sweetwater, Roswell, New Mexico, Mescalero, N. M., to El Paso, Texas; thence by Clifton, Phoenix and Yuma, Arizona, to San Deigo, California; and

Whereas, so great has been the progress in the construction of the road that it is now almost completed from Washington to Knoxville, Tenn., and an open and usable road from Dallas, Texas, to San Deigo, California, with much of the intervening section completed, and a relatively small mileage yet remaining to improve until it can be thrown open to transcontinental travel; and

Whereas, the Lincoln Highway is now traversable from New York city to San Francisco, vastly to the benefit of the northern part of our country; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That the State of North Carolina hereby confirms the action of the Asheville convention and adopts the designation "Southern National Highway" to become effective when similar action has been taken by the other seven States traversed by the route.

2. That greetings be sent to the States of Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California expressing the hope that by unity of action and concentration of effort this southern route may be put in condition in time for the transcontinental travel to and from the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

3. That North Carolina would welcome the extension of the work of the Federal Office of Public Roads in its supervision of maintenance now in operation over the Southern National Highway from Washington to Durham, so as to include the highway westward to the Tennessee line.

4. That this State requests the co-operation of the other States in requesting the Federal government in its prospective legislation to designate the route which has been authoritatively selected by the South as the Southern National Highway and to co-operate with the States traversed in its establishment and maintenance as the Southern National Highway.

5. That the Governor of this State be authorized and requested to present these resolutions to the Governors of the respective States for the purpose of concerted action to secure the result, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Legislatures of the several particular States for their immediate consideration.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following resolution of response to the resolutions of greeting from the State of North Carolina for the completion of the southern national highway:

Whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina has sent resolutions of greeting to the State of Virginia in reference to the Southern National Highway, which was established by a commission representing all the Southern States, and calling attention to the great loss resulting to the South because of the unfinished condition of certain links in the road and asking for the co-operation of the eight States traversed by the highway, the entire South and the Federal government for the completion of the road; therefore, be it

Resolved, First. That the State of Virginia sends greetings of response to the State of North Carolina expressing its appreciation of the initiative taken by the Hon. Locke Craig, Governor, and the State of North Carolina in the inception and prosecution of this great enterprise.

Second. That the State of Virginia complies with the request of the resolution in confirming the action of the Asheville convention in the adoption of the name selected and in the suggested plan of co-operation. Constitutional and statutory limitations will not permit an appropriation to build the Virginia link, but the Governor of this State is hereby authorized and requested to act for the State in taking such steps in co-operation with others as may seem best fitted to secure the desired results.

Third. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Governor of this State for transmission to Governor Craig and to the General Assembly of North Carolina; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WILLIAMS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. DREWRY, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate insists upon its amendment to House bill entitled an act to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the



assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, No. 8; and requests a committee of conference.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved that the House concur in the request of the Senate for a committee of conference, and that a committee of five be appointed; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. WEAVER of *Warren* inform the Senate.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. WEAVER of *Warren*, WHITE, WILLIAMS, PITTS and PENNINGTON the committee of conference on the part of the House.

No. 46. House bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908; was read at length a third time and rejected by the following vote—yeas, 26; nays, 35.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Chalkley, Dodson, Fuller, Grasty, Houston, Johnson, Leedy, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Pitts, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Spatig, Steck, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Birrell, Brown, Cawthorn, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Easley, Field, Franklin, Gunn, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Kent, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Philpott, Powell, Price, Francis W. Smith, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White—35.

MR. BIRRELL moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was agreed to.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and rejected by the following vote—yeas, 49; nays, 38.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Brewer, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Dalton, Dodson, Duke, Fuller, Harris, Horner, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—49.

NAYS—Messrs. Birrell, Branscomb, Brown, Cawthorn, Commins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Earman, Easley, Field, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Hobson, Hughes, Land, Lewis, Malbon, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Powell, Price, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Woodward—38.

No. 74. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity

of commercial fertilizers, and the guarantee and condition upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties incurred for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved December 28, 1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914; having been printed, was read at length a second time.

MR. STEARNES moved to amend section 2, lines 24 and 25, by striking out the words "Department of Agriculture and Immigration" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "fertilizer fund"; which was rejected by the following vote—yeas, 33; nays, 37.

On motion of MR. STEARNES, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Birrell, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Earman, Franklin, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Horner, Hughes, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Lowry, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Norris, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Walton and Mr. Speaker—33.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Commins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Easley, Field, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Looney, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Rew, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston—37.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The following House bills having been printed, were read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed:

No. 73. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1912; amended.

No. 75. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1433 of the Code of Virginia as amended by an act approved December 28, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1904, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, amending sections 1433, 1437 and 1438 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the duties of the State Board of Education and of division superintendents of schools to the composition of school divisions and the salaries of division superintendents.

No. 76. House bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908.

No. 77. House bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town; to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority

of the qualified voters thereof at such special election, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds upon their maturity.

No. 84. House bill to amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia in relation to State depositories.

No. 85. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Gladeville, in Wise County, to issue bonds to liquidate and pay off the indebtedness of said town.

No. 78. House bill providing for the revesting in the Commonwealth of all lands or lots sold for delinquent taxes, and making same lie in grant by warrants, as in case of waste, vacant and unappropriated lands; amended.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., of the Second Presbyterian Church.

On motion of MR. ROLSTON, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 8, 1915.*

The Senate have passed House bills entitled an act to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes and levies or other lands for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks on the great battlefields of that county or for forest preserves, No. 53; an act to appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars to pay the per diem, mileage, etc., of members, officers, employees, etc., of the General Assembly of Virginia, now in extraordinary session, No. 54; an act to amend and re-enact section four of the act entitled an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State Corporation Commission, approved March twenty-seventh, 1914, providing for the expense incurred in the execution of said act, and making appropriations therefor, No. 56; an act to provide extra compensation for the three



firemen for the electric light and power plant for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916, No. 57; an act to make an appropriation of ten thousand dollars, to be used by committee of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Confederate Veterans, viz., General J. Thompson Brown, Capt. John Lamb and Capt. E. D. Taylor, to aid in entertaining the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond, on June 2, 3, 4, 1915, who will assemble in Richmond at this date, No. 58; an act to provide for the re-arrangement of voting precincts and to change the names of the same whenever by annexation proceedings portions of a county have been taken within a city, and providing how such proceedings shall be paid for, No. 68; and an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants, for the election of a special justice of the peace to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of such justices in said cities to such civil and police justices, approved March 20, 1914, No. 86.

They have passed, with amendments and amended titles, House bill entitled an act to appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount authorized by law to be paid in connection with the assessment of real estate throughout the Commonwealth, required by law to be made during the year 1915, No. 55.

They have passed Senate bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908, No. 14; an act making valid the recordation of deeds and other writings heretofore recorded upon certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by clerks and deputy clerks of courts in any of the United States, though failing to state that such deeds or other writings were acknowledged in their respective offices, and to validate acknowledgments taken by notaries public holding commissions for cities but residing in counties in which said cities, or parts thereof, are located, No. 59; an act to re-appropriate twelve hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-six cents (\$1,256.26), the unexpended balance of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) appropriated to provide walkway around the Confederate soldiers' home, and curb and gutter around the Battle Abbey, by act

approved March 23, 1914, entitled an act to appropriate the public revenue for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916, so as that the said unexpended balance may be drawn from the State treasury at any time prior to March 1, 1916, to carry out the purposes for which originally appropriated, and for the further purpose of necessary ornamentation of the ground of the Battle Abbey, No. 82; and an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity of commercial fertilizers, and the guarantee and condition upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties incurred for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved December 28, 1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914, No. 45.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 55, House bill, was, on motion of Mr. BREWER, placed on the calendar.

No. 14, House bill, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 82, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

No. 59, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

No. 45, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Mining.

No. 56. Senate bill relating to contracts for text books adopted for use in the public free schools of the Commonwealth; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 74. Senate bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election and a majority of the registered voters of said town, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds upon their maturity.

No. 77. Senate bill prescribing the manner in which cities in this Commonwealth having a population in excess of 75,000 inhabi-

tants and less than 100,000 inhabitants may request the General Assembly to grant a special form of government for any such city, under section 117 of the Constitution, providing for the holding of special elections in relation thereto, and to repeal, so far as it may be in conflict therewith, section 14 of an act of the General Assembly approved March 13, 1914, and entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government.

No. 90. House bill to appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

No. 91. House bill to amend section 103 of an act approved February 8, 1896, entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Roanoke, as amended by an act approved February 26, 1908, and to amend section 104 of said act approved February 28, 1896; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 92. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun county, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

No. 93. House bill to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration, with jurisdiction for said purposes for the city of Richmond, and the counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland and Appomattox; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee for Courts of Justice.

No. 94. House bill to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, to provide for the assessment of the said rolling stock, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in relation to the assessment for local taxation of the rolling stock of railroad corporations, approved March 12, 1912, as amended by an act which became a law without the Governor's approval March 18, 1914; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 16 of the charter of the city of Suffolk, as heretofore amended, approved March 4, 1912; having been considered by the



special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to authorize the town council of the town of Waynesboro to call a special election of the qualified voters of said town, to determine whether or not all live stock shall be prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of the town of Waynesboro, Virginia; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. JORDAN: A bill to amend and re-enact section 22 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, approved March 2, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 27, 1896, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 25, 1898, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 6, 1900, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1908.

By MR. CHAPMAN: A bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to repeal the charter of the town of Smithfield, and to grant a new charter to the said town, which took effect February 17, 1900.

By MR. JOHNSON: A bill to amend and re-enact section 834 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the powers of boards of supervisors, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, changing the allowances to the attorney for the Commonwealth and clerk of Scott county,

By MR. GUNN: A bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to making copies of assessments and disposition of copies, as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the assessment of lands and lots, approved December 10, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1904, providing additional time for returning assessments in cities having a population of over 50,000 by the last United States census, so as to provide additional time for returning assessments in the county of Henrico in the discretion of the judge of the circuit court of said county.

To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MR. GUNN: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for and authorize the purchase of a suitable lot of land in close proximity to the capitol, in the city of Richmond, and to create a State building commission to act for the State, and to make an appropriation therefor, approved March 21, 1914.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MR. WILLIS: A bill authorizing cities and towns to impose a tax of one-half of one per cent. on the gross receipts of water companies, heat, light and power companies and gas companies.

By MR. WILLIS: A bill authorizing cities and towns to impose taxes for their purposes at the respective rates now authorized each of them by law, plus an additional rate of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of such property as they are not prohibited from taxing by general law.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following Senate bills were read at length a first time:

No. 56. Senate bill relating to contracts for text books adopted for use in the public free schools of the Commonwealth.

No. 74. Senate bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election and a majority of the registered voters of said town, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds upon their maturity.

No. 77. Senate bill prescribing the manner in which cities in this Commonwealth having a population in excess of 75,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 inhabitants may request the General As-

sembly to grant a special form of government for any such city, under section 117 of the Constitution, providing for the holding of special elections in relation thereto, and to repeal, so far as it may be in conflict therewith, section 14 of an act of the General Assembly, approved March 13, 1914, and entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 90. House bill to appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women, at Radford.

No. 91. House bill to amend section 103 of an act approved February 8, 1896, entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Roanoke, as amended by an act approved February 26, 1908, and to amend section 104 of said act approved February 28, 1896.

No. 92. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun county, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended.

No. 93. House bill to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration, with jurisdiction for said purposes for the city of Richmond, and the counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland and Appomattox.

No. 94. House bill to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, to provide for the assessment of the said rolling stock, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act in relation to the assessment for local taxation of the rolling stock of railroad corporations, approved March 12, 1912, as amended by an act which became a law without the Governor's approval March 18, 1914.

No. 55. House bill to appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount authorized by law to be paid in connection with the assessment of real estate throughout the Commonwealth required by law to be made during the year 1915; came up.

The amendments proposed by the Senate were concurred in by the following vote—yeas, 59; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:



YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany—59.

MR. BREWER moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments were concurred in; which was rejected.

No. 2. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended; came up.

MR. GREGORY moved to amend the bill, section 459, line 2, by striking out the word "not"; which was agreed to.

The amendment being presently engrossed, the bill was read at length a third time and passed by the following vote—yeas, 62; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Winston—62.

MR. GREGORY moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

No. 17. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910; came up.

The amendment proposed by the Committee on Finance, as follows: Strike out "one per centum" and insert "two per centum," was concurred in by the following vote—yeas, 57; nays, 26.

On motion of MR. MONTAGUE, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Earman, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Page, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—57.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Browning, Cawthorn, Commins, Cousins, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Green, Hughes, Kent, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Oliver, Owen, Pitts, Stubbs, Walton, Woodward—26.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to amend as follows: Line 20, after the 16HJ

word "State," insert the words "which shall be construed to mean their agents"; which was rejected.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the bill was read at length a third time and passed by the following vote—yeas, 66; nays, 14.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. Wm. Daniel, Earman, Franklin, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—66.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Birrell, Commins, Dodson, Duke, Fuller, Green, Meetze, Montague, Myers, Oliver, Pitts, H. C. Weaver, Woodward—14.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

No. 21. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914; came up.

The amendments proposed by the Committee on Finance were concurred in.

MR. MILLER moved to amend as follows: Page 3, add at end of paragraph 4 the words "except that when live stock has been purchased and sold during the year since the last assessment, there shall be deducted from the sale of such live stock the cost of the same"; which was agreed to.

MR. POWELL moved to amend as follows: Page 3, section 5, line 36, after the word "fences," add the word "feed"; which was agreed to.

MR. POWELL moved to amend as follows: Section 11, line 3, after the word "purposes," insert the words "exceeding one-half of one per cent."; which was rejected.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend as follows: Section 11, page 5, after the word "repeal," add the words "provided that any provision herein contained shall not prohibit the city of Roanoke from assessing an income tax"; which was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; which was agreed to.

The amendment offered by MR. WILLIS was rejected.

MR. STUBBS moved to amend as follows: Section 1, line 2, strike out "Section" and insert "sections," and after the word "ten" add "and eleven." Amend title as follows: Strike out "section" and insert "sections," and after "10" add "and 11," and at end of title add "defining incomes and tax on incomes"; which was agreed to.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the bill was read at length a third time and passed by the following vote—yeas, 71; nays, 7.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Reed, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—71.

NAYS—Messrs. Powell, Powers, Price, Stearnes, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Willis—7.

MR. STUBBS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

No. 61. Senate bill to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to reimburse the superintendent of the penitentiary and to be used for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force, as provided by an act approved March 6, 1906, known as the Lassiter-Withers' act; was read at length a third time and passed by the following vote—yeas, 70; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—70.

MR. JOHNSON moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

The following House bills were read at length a third time and passed:

No. 27. House bill to amend and re-enact section 17 in reference



to tax on banks and trust and security companies of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution—yeas, 73; nays, 2.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—73.

NAYS—Messrs. Gregory and Stearnes—2.

No. 70. House bill to amend and re-enact an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants, for the election of a special justice of the peace to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of such police justices in said cities to such civil and police justices, approved March 20, 1914—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

No. 73. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1912—yeas, 64; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Horner,

Huff, Johnson, Kent, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—64.

NAY—Mr. Powers—1.

No. 74. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity of commercial fertilizers, and the guarantee and condition upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties incurred for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved December 28, 1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914—yeas, 55; nays, 12.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brown, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Field, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Looney, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Taylor, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—55.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Gordon, Horner, Lewis, Love, Page, Francis W. Smith, Stearnes—12.

No. 85. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Gladeville, in Wise county, to issue bonds to liquidate and pay off the indebtedness of said town—yeas, 73; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—73.

No. 84. House bill to amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia in relation to State depositories; came up.

Mr. Cox moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cox, the bill was severally amended.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, was read at length a third time and passed by the following vote—yeas, 71; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—71.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 27, 70, 73, 74, 84 and 85, House bills, were passed, were rejected.

No. 78. House bill providing for the revesting in the Commonwealth of all lands or lots sold for delinquent taxes, and making same lie in grant by warrants, as in case of waste, vacant and unappropriated lands; was read at length a third time and rejected by the following vote—yeas, 32; nays, 36.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Birrell, Brewer, Browning, Cawthorn, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Houston, Kent, Leedy, Love, Massie, Meetze, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Rolston, Stearnes, Stubbs, Tiffany, A. C. Weaver, Williams—32.

NAYS—Messrs. Branscomb, Brown, Chalkley, Cousins, Crockett, Field, Franklin, Grant, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Lincoln, Lowry, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Page, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, H. C. Weaver, Willis and Mr. Speaker—36.

No. 75. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1433 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act approved December 28, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1904, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, amending sections 1433, 1437 and 1438 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the duties of the State Board of Education and of division superintendents of schools, to the composition of school divisions and the salaries of division superintendents; was read at length a third time and rejected by the following vote—yeas, 38; nays, 31.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Jordan, Kent, Love, Lowry,



Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Norris, Page, Powell, Price, Reed, Stearnes, Stubbs, Terrell, Walton, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—38.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Crawford, Crockett, Earman, Franklin, Gordon, Harvey, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Stephenson, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver—31.

MR. HORNER moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was rejected.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills, which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 55. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 8 of an act approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 12, 1908, entitled an act to define and regulate the sale, distribution, rectifying, manufacture and distilling of intoxicating liquors and malt beverages, and to impose license taxes thereon, and to prohibit the drinking of ardent spirits on railroad trains, and to repeal sections 141 and 142 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved February 19, 1904, and to prescribe penalties.

No. 49. Senate bill to validate, ratify, approve and confirm certain bonds heretofore and hereafter issued, and elections held authorizing the issuance of such bonds by Smyth county for Marion magisterial district and St. Clair magisterial district for the purpose of macadamizing and otherwise permanently improving public roads or bridges of said magisterial districts.

No. 65. House bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue, for the purposes named, be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

No. 46. Senate bill to amend and re-enact, so far as the county of Powhatan is concerned, an act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled an act to provide for working of roads in the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and Goochland, approved March 3, 1884, as amended by an act approved March 19, 1914.

No. 67. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved Feb-

ruary 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1906, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, incorporating the town of Tappahannock, in the county of Essex.

No. 60. House bill to amend and re-enact section 46 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the town of Warrenton, Virginia, approved April 30, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 31, 1912.

No. 66. House bill to authorize and direct the board of supervisors of Essex county to pay to the town of Tappahannock the amount of the road tax assessed and collected for the year 1914 by the county of Essex on the real and personal property in said town.

No. 41. Senate bill to authorize and empower George N. Wise and Sterling Nottingham, their associates, successors and assigns, to build, construct, maintain and operate a toll bridge or private bridge across and over the northwest prong of Back river, sometimes known as Wythe creek, lying between the counties of York and Elizabeth City, Virginia, under certain conditions.

No. 39. House bill to extend to national banks the rights, powers, privileges and immunities conferred upon trust companies under an act entitled an act to provide how trust companies may be incorporated and to provide for general powers for the purpose of doing a trust business in this State, in addition to a general banking business, approved March 27, 1914.

No. 41. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act approved March 14, 1908, entitled an act to authorize supervisors of each county and the council of each city to make a special levy for the support and maintenance of the maimed and disabled Confederate soldiers, or the needy and indigent widows of Confederate soldiers in their respective counties and cities.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the response of the State Corporation Commission to a joint resolution of the General Assembly of Virginia requesting certain information as to the assessment of railroad properties in Virginia, which is printed as Senate document No. 3.

The following Senate bills were read at length a second time:

No. 63. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation

and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money, by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor and to provide penalties for the violation of this act.

No. 73. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908.

The following House bills were, on motions severally made by MESSRS. MONTAGUE and CHALKLEY, dismissed:

No. 26. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910.

No. 28. House bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914.

No. 31. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended.

No. 92. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun county, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended; having been printed, was, on motion of Mr. Roland, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. HOLLAND moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill as required by section 50 of the Constitution, which was agreed to by the following vote—yeas, 71; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Horner, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—71.



The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative by the following vote—yeas, 81; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—81.

MR. NOLAND moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

On motions severally made by MESSRS. HUFF and HORNER, the following House bills were dismissed:

No. 76. House bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908.

No. 77. House bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds upon their maturity.

MR. WEAVER of Warren, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on—

No. 8. House bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, presented the following report:

*To the Senate and House of Delegates:*

Your undersigned conferees appointed upon the disagreeing votes of the Senate and House of Delegates on No. 8 House bill, entitled a bill to segregate for the purpose of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes

may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on the every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the Senate recede from its amendment to said bill and that in lieu thereof the following amendment be agreed to:

On page 4, line 2, after the word "only," insert the following: "provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent any city from levying a tax upon said segregated intangible personal property assessed to the residents therein at a rate not to exceed thirty cents upon the one hundred dollars of assessed valuation thereof, nor to prevent the boards of supervisors of any county from levying a district road tax on all said segregated intangible personal property assessed to the residents in the magisterial district proposed to be taxed for district purposes to be used exclusively for the construction and repair of roads located within the magisterial district in which said levy is laid at a rate not to exceed thirty cents on the one hundred dollars of assessed valuation thereof (but this clause shall not be construed to authorize the board of supervisors of any county to levy such tax against the residents of an incorporated town which maintains its own roads, which town is located within such magisterial district), nor to prevent any incorporated town in this State which is exempt by statute or by the express provisions of its charter from the payment of district road taxes, or which maintains its own roads free of expense to the magisterial district in which it is located from levying and collecting a tax on all said segregated intangible personal property assessed to residents therein at a rate not to exceed thirty cents on the hundred dollars of assessed valuation thereof."

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. BUCHANAN,  
C. HARDING WALKER,  
JAMES E. CANNON,  
F. S. TAVENNER,  
GEO. LATHAM FLETCHER,  
*Senate Conferees.*

AUBREY G. WEAVER,  
HUGH A. WHITE,  
MARTIN WILLIAMS,  
D. H. PITTS,  
ROBT. L. PENNINGTON,  
*House Conferees.*

The report of the committee of conference was adopted by the following vote—yeas, 65; nays, 29.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—65.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Commins, Dalton, Dodson, Duke, Field, Gordon, Green, Hughes, Jordan, Leedy, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Woodward—29.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the committee of conference was adopted; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. OLIVER inform the Senate that the House had adopted the report of the committee of conference.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had adopted the report of the committee of conference.

No. 64. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908; having been printed, was, on motion of MR. WEAVER of Warren, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WEAVER of Warren moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution, which was agreed to by the following vote—yeas, 80; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spesard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—80.

MR. WHITE moved to pass by the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to.

The morning hour being resumed, a communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 9, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bills entitled an act to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the circuit court of Wise county, No. 69; an act to appropriate ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of preventing the spread of infection of foot-and-mouth disease among the live stock in this State, No. 89.

They have passed, with amendments, House bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require all water companies, heat, light and power companies and gas companies to pay a franchise tax, a property tax and to furnish certain reports to the State Corporation Commission, approved February 26, 1910, as



amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, and to designate said bill as section 28½ of the tax bill when so amended and re-enacted, No. 44; an act to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, No. 33.

They have passed Senate bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to protect pheasants in the county of Middlesex, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof, approved March 13, 1912, No. 83; an act to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1909, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910, No. 76; an act to prohibit the sale of cider containing over one-half of one per cent. alcohol within 1½ miles of the public school buildings in the town of Strasburg, Shenandoah county, Virginia, No. 75; an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 16 of the charter of the city of Suffolk, as heretofore amended, approved March 4, 1912, No. 84; an act to authorize, empower and direct the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to guarantee any bonds that may be issued by the supervisors of said county pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum of not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915, No. 86; and an act making it a misdemeanor for a husband to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his wife, or for a parent to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his child or children under the age of sixteen years, prescribing the penalty therefor and making provisions for the apprehension and punishment of persons convicted of non-support, and providing that persons convicted of non-support shall be sent to the convict road force in certain contingencies, providing for the taking of recognizances and for the forfeiture and enforcement of said recognizances, providing for the appointment of probation of-

ficers and prescribing their duties and powers, and making chief of police and sheriff probation officers in certain contingencies, No. 66.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

Nos. 44 and 33, House bills, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 66, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

No. 76, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Nos. 86, 84, 75 and 83, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee for Counties, Cities and Towns.

The calendar being resumed—

No. 63. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act; was, on motion of MR. WEAVER *of Warren*, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Pending the consideration of the bill, MR. OLIVER moved that the House do now adjourn; which was rejected by the following vote—yeas, 34; nays, 39.

YEAS—Messrs. Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Browning, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Field, Franklin, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Looney, Massie, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powell, Rew, Stearnes, Stubbs, Walton, H. C. Weaver—34.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Cousins, Crockett, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Fuller, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Land, Lewis, Love, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Norris, Powers, Price, Reed, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—39.

The hour of 6 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

### NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The consideration of—

No. 63. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their

members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act; was resumed.

The following amendments proposed by the Committee on Finance were agreed to:

Page 2, line 11, strike out the word "supervision," and insert in lieu thereof the words "advisory powers."

Page 3, section 6, line 1, after the word "June," strike out the words "in every year," and insert in lieu thereof "1915 and annually thereafter on or before the first day of February."

Page 5, section 7, line 10, after the word "unjust," insert the words "valuations or."

Page 5, section 7, line 17, after the word "shall," strike out the word "his," and insert in lieu thereof "such valuation or."

Page 7, line 49, strike out the word "by," and insert in lieu thereof the word "of."

Page 7, line 61, after the word "enter," insert the words "and extend."

Page 8, line 72, after the word "property," insert the following: "and upon the request of the examiner of records, the said local board of review shall summon any such taxpayer before it to answer on oath any such questions."

Page 8, line 64, after the word "money," strike out the word "and" and insert in lieu thereof the word "on."

Page 8, at end of line 80, strike out the period and insert in lieu thereof a comma, and add the following words: "or any local board of review."

Page 6, line 40, strike out the word "assessment," and insert in lieu thereof the word "returns."

Page 6, line 41, strike out the word "returns."

Page 7, lines 51 and 52, strike out the words "under the direction of the said local board of review."

Page 7, line 52, after the word "examine," insert the following words: "the returns aforesaid and."

Page 7, line 58, after the word "review," strike out the word "and" and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "which shall review the same as herein provided, and thereupon make report thereof."

Page 9, line 105, after the word "June," strike out the words "in each year" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "1915 and annually thereafter on or before the first day of April."

Page 6, line 36, strike out the word "now."



MR. OLIVER moved to amend as follows: On page 3 of the printed bill, in section 6, lines 1, 2 and 3, strike out the words down to, but not including, the word "appoint," and in lieu thereof insert the following: "On or before the twentieth day of May, in the year 1915, and on or before the fifteenth day of December, in the year 1915, and annually thereafter on or before the fifteenth day of December of each and every year, the board of supervisors of each county and the council of each city shall certify to the judge of the circuit court of such county or to the judge of the corporation or hustings court of such city, a list containing the names of twelve qualified voters of such county or city, not more than seven of whom shall belong to the same political party;" "on or before the first day of June in the year 1915 and annually thereafter on or before the first day of April in each year, the judge of the circuit court of each county and the judge of the corporation or hustings court of each city shall, either in term time or in vacation, from the aforesaid list of twelve qualified voters;" which was rejected.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: On page 2, line 21, strike out the word "recommend," and insert in lieu thereof "direct the Commonwealth's attorney to apply to the proper court for"; which was rejected by the following vote—yeas, 33; nays, 36.

On motion of MR. WEAVER of Warren, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, John Orr, Daniel, Field, Harvey, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Steck, Stubbs, Walton, Woodward—33.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Price, Rew, Spatig, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—36.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: Strike out all of section 5, page 3; strike out on page 3, section 6, line 1, the word "June" and insert in lieu thereof the word "October"; which was rejected.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: On page 5, section 7, subsection 2, line 8, insert after the word "erroneous" the words "either as to over or undervaluation"; which was agreed to.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: On page 5, subsection 3, line 9, after the word "taxpayers," insert the words "member or members of a board of supervisors, board of supervisors, member or members of a city or town council or city or town council, or any other governing board, or the Commonwealth's attorney"; which was agreed to.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: Page 3, strike out all of section 6 and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Immediately after completing the assessment of real estate the assessors shall have printed or written in suitable form a list of all real estate assessed by them in each magisterial district of the county and ward of the city or town, giving the location, number of acres of land, the number of front feet of each lot, the value of the land or lot and the value of the improvements on the land or lots. Such lists shall be posted at the courthouse of each county and city and at not less than four other places in each county or city, notice of such places to be given by an advertisement in one or more newspapers published in the county or city, or, if no paper is published in any county or city, in some newspaper published in the nearest county. The assessors and the commissioner of the revenue shall sit within twenty days after the posting of the assessment list for not less than two nor more than ten days at the county seat and for not less than two nor more than ten days in four places in each county, and for not less than five nor more than thirty days in each city, to hear the complaint of any taxpayer or the Commonwealth's attorney, or a member or members of a board of supervisors or a member or members of a town council or the mayor of a city or town, as to erroneous assessments either as to over or undervaluation, due notice of the place and time of such sittings to be given. The clerk of the circuit, corporation or hustings court shall be ex-officio clerk of the said board, and shall attend all meetings and keep a record of the proceedings thereof in a separate book provided for that purpose, which shall be preserved and kept on file in the office of the clerk of such court. The compensation of each member of the local board of review of assessments shall be four dollars per day, and the clerk two dollars per day for each day that he shall be necessarily employed, to be paid one-half by the Commonwealth and one-half by the county or city where he serves. The accounts for such compensation shall be made out and verified by affidavit of the members before the clerk of the circuit, corporation or hustings court, in which shall be stated the time for which said per diem is claimed was necessarily employed; and when said accounts shall be so made out and verified they shall be paid out of the State and county or city treasury, in equal proportions, out of any money in such treasury not otherwise appropriated;" which was rejected.

MR. REED moved severally to amend as follows: Page 6, line 16, insert after the word "his," the word "personal"; strike out, on page 5, line 14, the word "provided," and all the words following down to the end of section 5, line 17; which were severally rejected.

MR. REED moved severally to amend as follows: On page 6, line 17HJ

22, after the word "taxpayers," insert the following words: "or member or members of board of supervisors, board of supervisors, member or members of a city or town council, city or town council, or any other governing board, or the Commonwealth's attorney"; page 6, line 24, strike out the word "now;" page 6, section 6, line 35, after the word "property," insert the words: "either as to over or undervaluation"; which were severally agreed to.

MR. MEETZE moved to amend as follows: Strike out all of section 6, beginning with line 1, page 3, down to and including the word "chairman," line 18, page 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "So soon as the time for completing assessments shall have expired, each year the board of supervisors of each county and a committee of five appointed by and from the council of each city shall sit as a local board of review of assessments for such county or city; which was rejected by the following vote—yeas, 29; nays, 40.

On motion of MR. MEETZE, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Branscomb, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, Earman, Field, Franklin, Green, Harvey, Kent, Looney, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Oliver, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Steck, Walton, H. C. Weaver—29.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Fuller, Grant, Gregory, Harris, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Norris, Page, Pennington, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—40.

MR. MEETZE moved to amend as follows: Page 6, end of subsection 5, section 6, add the following: "From the actual fair market value of all lots or lands, the owners thereof may deduct all bonded indebtedness thereon, and said board shall fix the assessment thereon at an amount representing the difference between such fair market value and bonded indebtedness"; which was rejected.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, on motion of MR. WEAVER of Warren, the House adjourned by the following vote—yeas, 46; nays, 27.

On motion of MR. OLIVER, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, Dodson, Earman, Franklin, Grant, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harvey, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Looney, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Noland, Philpott, Powell, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis—46.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Cawthorn, Chalkley, John Orr Daniel, Field, Fuller, Kent, Land, Lewis, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Oliver, Page, Pitts, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Steck, Stubbs, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—27.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., of the Second Presbyterian Church.

On motion of MR. MILSTEAD, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

No. 33. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, heretofore referred to the Committee on Finance, was reported back with the recommendation that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments.

No. 44. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require all water companies, heat, light and power companies and gas companies to pay a franchise tax, a property tax, and to furnish certain reports to the State Corporation Commission, approved February 26, 1910, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, and to designate said bill as section 28½ of the tax bill when so amended and re-enacted, heretofore referred to the Committee on Finance, with Senate amendments, was reported back.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 11. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½-a, 46½-b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51-a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118-a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 141 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; with amendment.

No. 14. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the

Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908; with amendments.

No. 76. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 75. Senate bill to prohibit the sale of cider containing over one-half of one per cent. alcohol within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the public school building of the town of Strasburg, Shenandoah county, Virginia.

No. 83. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act to protect pheasants in the county of Middlesex, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof, approved March 13, 1912.

No. 84. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 16 of the charter of the city of Suffolk, as heretofore amended, approved March 4, 1912.

No. 86. Senate bill to authorize, empower and direct the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to guarantee any bonds that may be issued by the supervisors of said county pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorizing the circuit court of said county or the judge thereof in vacation to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee for Courts of Justice.

No. 57. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 164 of the Code of Virginia, of 1904, as amended by acts approved March 14, 1908, March 17, 1910, and January 30, 1914.

No. 58. Senate bill making valid the recordation of deeds and other writings of corporations, heretofore executed or recorded, upon certain certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by officers of such corporations.

No. 59. Senate bill making the recordation of deeds and other

writings heretofore recorded upon certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by clerks and deputy clerks of courts in any of the United States, though failing to state that such deeds or other writings were acknowledged in their respective offices, and to validate acknowledgments taken by notaries public holding commissions for cities but residing in counties in which said cities or parts thereof are located.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 95. House bill to amend and re-enact section 43 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1904, and by an act approved March 14, 1908, and by an act approved February 26, 1910.

No. 96. House bill to amend and re-enact section 27 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 13, 1912.

No. 97. House bill to make uniform, for the purposes of local as well as State assessments and taxation, steam railroad property, and to abolish the State franchise tax thereon; with the recommendation that it do not pass.

No. 98. House bill to levy an excise tax upon the public utility corporations of the State, to segregate and make them liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the method and rate of such taxation, and to repeal all laws imposing State taxes upon the real and personal property of the State; with the recommendation that it do not pass.

No. 99. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Waynesboro to call a special election of the qualified voters of said town, to determine whether or not all live stock shall be prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of the town of Waynesboro, Virginia; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 834 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the powers of boards of supervisors, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, changing the allowances to the attorney for the Commonwealth and clerk of Scott county; having been



considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to repeal the charter of the town of Smithfield, and to grant a new charter to said town, which took effect February 17, 1900; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 22 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, approved March 2, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 27, 1896, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 25, 1898, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 6, 1900, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1908; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 443 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to making copies of assessments and disposition of copies,

as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact chapter 23 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the assessment of lands and lots, approved December 10, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1904, providing additional time for returning assessments in cities having a population of over 50,000 by the last United States census, so as to provide additional time for returning assessments in the county of Henrico in the discretion of the judge of the circuit court of the said county; having been considered by the special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that, in their opinion, the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. WINSTON offered the following resolution:

Whereas the Soldiers' Home, in the city of Richmond, is the cherished object of our beneficence and affection; and

Whereas further, profound regret fills the heart of every member of this House because the condition of the treasury during this legislative session has made futile projected plans for more liberal provision for the old soldiers of the Commonwealth, whom we love to honor; therefore,

Resolved, That in our opinion among the first pledges exacted of future candidates for membership in the General Assembly should be first to supply every physical, material and spiritual need of our honored guests in the Home under the care of the State; and secondly, a large increase in the appropriations for pensions.

Resolved further, That if an hour can be spared from pressing legislation during the remaining days of this session, the House of Delegates will visit in a body the Soldier's Home and Battle Abbey; which was agreed to.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Governor:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, February 10, 1915.

*To the General Assembly:*

After careful consideration, patient effort to adjust conflicting views, and many days of arduous labor, you have agreed upon a bill which is declaratory of your policy to establish a new tax system for the Commonwealth, a task second in importance to none which any General Assembly has been called upon to perform in recent years. It is now necessary to enter upon

the work of adjusting the statutes to the new system which you have established.

Changes must be made in the tax laws so that the administrative machinery may conform to the system now to be put in force. All the laws relating to the levy and collection of taxes for local purposes by the boards of supervisors of counties and councils of cities and towns, together with the laws relating to bond issues for road improvement in counties and magisterial districts, must be carefully studied and amended to conform to the tax system already adopted.

This important task requires a large amount of painstaking work by capable and experienced men selected from your body. It cannot be accomplished, in my opinion, during a session of the General Assembly filled with the engrossing labors and responsibilities necessarily devolving upon your members on the floor and in committee. It, therefore, seems necessary that a recess be taken in which a joint committee of the two houses may have the time, opportunity and facilities to ascertain the necessary changes in our revenue laws, State and local, in order to put into effect your already declared policy.

I am not unmindful of the sacrifice involved in carrying out the recommendation I am now offering to your honorable body, and I only venture to ask it because of the large public interest at stake.

The patriotic service which you have already performed justifies me in believing that you are willing to make the further sacrifice necessary to complete the work which you have so well begun.

I, therefore, recommend to your honorable body that after the passage of all necessary basal legislation a recess be taken for three weeks, or such time as to you may seem necessary for the performance of this important work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART,  
Governor.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), First: That when the General Assembly adjourns on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 1915, it adjourn to meet on the 8th day of March, 1915.

Second: That a committee, composed of seven members of the House of Delegates and seven members of the Senate, constituted as follows, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice and Finance for the House of Delegates, and four members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the committee on the part of the House of Delegates, and the President *pro tempore* of the Senate, and the chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and five members to be appointed by the President of the Senate, the committee on the part of the Senate, be, and the same are hereby, constituted and appointed a special committee, and as such are charged with the duty of preparing such bill or bills as may be necessary to put into effect the system of taxation as provided by the passage of House bill No. 8, and such other bills as may pertain to the assessment and collection of taxes, and that when the General Assembly



reconvenes it shall consider only such measures as mentioned in this resolution.

Third: The sergeants-at-arms, doorkeepers, assistants, journal, reading and committee clerks and pages of the two houses are relieved from duty during the recess herein provided.

Fourth: The clerks of the House and Senate are directed to employ and supervise such clerical help as may be required by the committee herein appointed.

Fifth: The committee herein appointed is directed to prepare a bill providing for the mileage of the members, officers and employees in returning for the extended session herein provided.

Sixth: The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate be, and they are hereby, directed to mail to each member of their respective bodies a copy of each bill drawn or proposed by the committee of the General Assembly sitting during its recess so soon as any and each of said committee bills are drawn and approved of by the said committee.

MR. STEARNES offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House do not concur in the joint resolution offered by the member from Giles, but that it be recommitted to the Committee on Rules with the request that provision be made for the reasonable expenses of the members of the General Assembly during the sitting of the extended session asked for in the Governor's message; which was rejected.

MR. LEEDY offered the following substitute:

Resolved by this House (the Senate concurring), That the Governor of Virginia is hereby requested to convene the General Assembly of Virginia in extra session at a date to be determined by him, and at any time after the adjournment of the present session; provided, however, that members serving in said extra session shall only receive their respective *per diem* for the time actually served and their mileage; which was rejected.

The resolution offered by MR. WILLIAMS was agreed to.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion was agreed to; which was rejected.

Ordered that Mr. Williams carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

Resolution providing for the appointment of a commission in relation to a State office building was presented by MR. GUNN, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following Senate bills were read at length a first time:

No. 11. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½a, 46½b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 141 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; with amendment.

No. 14. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 29 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 11, 1908; with amendments.

No. 76. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910.

No. 57. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 164 of the Code of Virginia of 1904 as amended by acts approved March 14, 1908, March 17, 1910, and January 30, 1914.

No. 58. Senate bill making valid the recordation of deeds and other writings of corporations, heretofore executed or recorded, upon certain certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by officers of such corporations.

No. 59. Senate bill making the recordation of deeds and other writings heretofore recorded upon certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by clerks and deputy clerks of courts in any of the United States, though failing to state that such deeds or other writings were acknowledged in their respective offices, and to validate acknowledgments taken by notaries public holding commissions for cities but residing in counties in which said cities, or parts thereof, are located.

The following House bills were read at length a first time and ordered to be printed:

No. 95. House bill to amend and re-enact section 43 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1904, and by an act approved March 14, 1908, and by an act approved February 26, 1910.

No. 96. House bill to amend and re-enact section 27 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 13, 1912.

No. 97. House bill to make uniform, for the purposes of local as well as State assessments and taxation, steam railroad property, and to abolish the State franchise tax thereon.

No. 98. House bill to levy an excise tax upon the public utility corporations of the State, to segregate and make them liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the method and rate of such taxation, and to repeal all laws imposing State taxes upon the real and personal property of the State.

No. 99. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Waynesboro to call a special election of the qualified voters of said town to determine whether or not all live stock shall be prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of the town of Waynesboro, Virginia.

No. 73. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908; was read at length a third time and passed—yeas, 82; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

No. 74. Senate bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of



improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election and a majority of the registered voters of said town, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds upon their maturity, was, in motion of Mr. HORNER, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. HORNER moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harvey, Heflin, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 67; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harvey, Heflin, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—67.

No. 77. Senate bill prescribing the manner in which cities in this Commonwealth having a population in excess of 75,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 inhabitants may request the General Assembly to grant a special form of government for any such city under section 117 of the Constitution, providing for the holding of special elections in relation thereto, and to repeal, so far as it may be in conflict therewith, section 14 of an act of the General Assembly approved March 13, 1914, and entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government; was, on motion of Mr. WOODWARD, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WOODWARD moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Terrell, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yes, 68; nays, none.

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

No. 75. Senate bill to prohibit the sale of cider containing over one-half of one per cent. alcohol within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the public school building of the town of Strasburg, Shenandoah county, Virginia; was, on motion of MR. MILLER, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. MILLER moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 58; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Gregory, Gunn, Harvey, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Kinsey, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Powell, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—58.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 54; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Fuller, Gregory, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Kinsey, Land, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—54.

No. 83. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act to protect pheasants in the county of Middlesex and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof, approved March 13, 1912; was, on motion of MR. DANIEL of *Middlesex*, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. DANIEL of *Middlesex* moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 53; nays, 2.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Grasty, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Willis and Mr. Speaker—53.

NAYS—Messrs. Powell and Spatig—2.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 66; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—66.

No. 84. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 16 of the charter of the city of Suffolk, as heretofore amended, approved March 4, 1912; was, on motion of MR. BREWER, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. BREWER moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 67; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brown, Cawthorn,



Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Fuller, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—67.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 69; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Fuller, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—69.

No. 86. Senate bill to authorize, empower and direct the board of supervisors of Norfolk to guarantee any bonds that may be issued by the supervisors of said county pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorizing the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915; was, on motion of MR. DUKE, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. DUKE moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 72; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward, Mr. Speaker—72.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 71; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Horner, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—71.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 73, 74, 77, 75, 83, 84 and 86 Senate bills were passed were rejected.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had passed Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to repeal the charter of the town of Smithfield, and to grant a new charter to the said town, which took effect February 17, 1900, No. 90.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House. The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

The hour of 1:30 having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

All other business having been suspended, the Speaker in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read.

No. 8. House bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property.

No. 54. House bill to appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars to pay the *per diem*, mileage, etc., of members, officers, em-

ployees, etc., of the General Assembly of Virginia, now in extraordinary session.

No. 55. House bill to appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount authorized by law to be paid in connection with the assessment of real estate throughout the Commonwealth, required by law to be made during the year 1915, and to appropriate the sum of twenty-seven hundred dollars as well as any other sum that may be necessary to pay the compensation of the retired judge or any retiring judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, in pursuance of the provisions of an act to provide compensation for judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals on their retirement from the bench after a service of twelve consecutive years and upon attaining the age of seventy years, approved March 4, 1904.

No. 38. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1169-b of the Code of Virginia as amended and re-enacted by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1164, 1168, 1169, 1170 and 1171 of the Code of Virginia, and to add independent sections thereto, so as to provide for the examination of banks and other similar institutions in this State, and to make certain general provisions, and for the conduct of the business of banking, and to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof; approved March 17, 1910.

No. 53. House bill to authorize the county of Spotsylvania to purchase lands delinquent for taxes and levies, or other lands, for the purpose of maintaining the historic landmarks on the great battlefields of that county, or for forest preserves.

No. 56. House bill to amend and re-enact section 4 of the act entitled an act imposing public duties on heat, light, power, water and telephone companies, and providing for the control and regulation of such companies by the State Corporation Commission, approved March 27, 1914, providing for the expense incurred in the execution of said act, and making appropriations therefor.

No. 57. House bill to provide extra compensation for the three firemen for the electric light and power plant for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916.

No. 58. House bill to make an appropriation of ten thousand dollars, to be used by Committee of R. E. Lee Camp No. 1, Confederate Veterans, viz: General J. Thompson Brown, Captain John Lamb and Captain E. D. Taylor, to aid in entertaining the United Confederate Veterans in Richmond on June 2, 3, 4, 1915, who will assemble in Richmond at this date.



No. 68. House bill to provide for the rearrangement of voting precincts and to change the names of the same whenever, by annexation proceedings, portions of a county have been taken within a city, and providing how such proceedings shall be paid for.

No. 69. House bill to authorize the appointment of three additional commissioners in chancery for the circuit court of Wise county.

No. 86. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide in cities containing 10,000 inhabitants and less than 45,000 inhabitants, for the election of a special justice of the peace to be known as the civil and police justice, to prescribe his jurisdiction and duties, to authorize the issue by other justices of the peace in said cities of warrants cognizable by said civil and police justice, and to abolish the office of police justice in said cities and towns and transfer the jurisdiction of said justices in said cities to such civil and police justices, approved March 20, 1914.

No. 89. House bill to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of preventing the spread of infection of foot-and-mouth disease among live stock in this State.

No. 61. Senate bill to appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to reimburse the superintendent of the penitentiary and to be used for the establishment and maintenance of the convict road force as provided by an act approved March 6, 1906, known as the Lassiter-Withers act.

The further consideration of—

No. 63. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members, and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money, by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor and to provide penalties for the violation of this act; was resumed.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment on page 8, line 72, after the word "property," as follows: Add the words, "and upon the request of the examiner of records the said local board of review shall summon any such taxpayer before it to answer on oath any such questions," was agreed to; which was agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reject the amendment as proposed; which was agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to amend as follows: On page 8, line 72, after the word "property" insert the following "and upon

the request of the examiner of records the said local board of review, or its chairman, shall summon any such taxpayer before it to answer on oath such questions as may be propounded by the said board of examiner of records"; which was agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to amend as follows: On page 8, line 77, after the word "Commonwealth" strike out the period and add a comma and insert "and each day's refusal or failure to furnish such information shall constitute a separate offense;" which was agreed to.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows: Page 6, line 17, section 7, after subsection 3, add new paragraph as follows: "3½. Said board shall upon its own motion and may upon the motion of the board of supervisors of any county, or the council of any other governing board of any city or town, or of any five citizens thereof, when it deems an assessment erroneous, change such assessment by raising or lowering same, and thereupon give notice to any person whose assessment is raised to show cause against such change, unless such person has already been fully heard;" which was agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved severally to amend as follows: On page 2, after line 22, insert the following paragraph: "Nothing in this act shall in any way abridge or change the duties and powers now conferred by law upon the Auditor of Public Accounts relating to the assessment and collection of the revenue of the State, and he shall continue to exercise all the powers now conferred upon him by law relative to the assessment and collection of the State revenue; and his instructions to officers, so far as the same are authorized by law, shall be carried out subject to the penalty prescribed by law for failure to carry out his instructions."

In section 7, page 7, line 40, after the word "review," insert "reports of purchases by merchants and."

In section 7, page 6, line 43, after the word "before," insert "the merchants' license tax is assessed and before the taxes on intangible personal property, incomes and money."

In section 7, page 7, line 43, strike out the words "the same."

In section 7, page 7, line 49, after the words "examination of," insert "reports of purchases by merchants and."

In section 7, page 7, line 60, strike out "State advisory board" and insert "Auditor of Public Accounts."

In section 7, page 8, line 61, after the word "revenue," insert "shall assess the merchants' license taxes and."

In section 7, page 7, line 63, after the word "said," insert the words "taxes on intangible personal property, income and money."

In section 7, page 8, line 70, after the word "touching," insert "purchases by merchants and touching."

In section 7, page 7, strike out "tax;" which were severally agreed to.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to amend as follows: At the top of page 9, strike out all down to line 100, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The examiner of records shall, upon the valuations added as a result of his investigations and examinations of the returns of intangible personal property and incomes of taxpayers, not returned by them in counties and towns, receive commissions at the rate of one-tenth of one per cent. on the first million dollars of such additions, and upon additional valuations of intangible personal property and incomes in excess of one million dollars he shall receive commissions at the rate of one-thirtieth of one per cent.; and upon the valuations added to the returns of intangible personal property and incomes of taxpayers, not returned by them in cities, he shall receive commissions at the rate of one-tenth of one per cent. on the first five hundred thousand dollars of such additions, and upon additional valuations in excess of five hundred thousand dollars he shall receive commissions at the rate of one-thirtieth of one per cent. Upon valuations of money added as the result of his investigations and examinations the examiner of records shall receive commissions at the rate of one-thirtieth of one per cent. on such valuation, and upon additions to purchases of merchants, not returned by them, he shall receive commissions at the rate of five per cent. on the increase in the license taxes paid by the merchants resulting from the increase in purchases; provided, however, the examiner of records shall refund and pay into the treasury the compensation paid him on all property and taxable values hereafter reported by him that shall be relieved of taxes erroneously assessed thereon, and the compensation paid them on all property and taxable values upon which the taxes hereafter assessed under this section are not collected and are returned delinquent and shall be liable therefor under the bond required by law to be executed."

MR. GORDON moved to amend the amendment proposed by MR. WEAVER of *Warren*: After the words "returned delinquent," insert the following: "And the costs, if any, incurred by any taxpayer in correcting any erroneous assessment caused by the action of such examiner of records"; which was agreed to.

MR. ROBERTSON moved to amend the amendment by striking out the words "one million dollars" and insert in lieu thereof "five hundred thousand dollars"; which was rejected.

MR. SMITH of *King and Queen* moved severally to amend as follows:

In line 4, after "rate of," strike out "one-tenth" and insert "one-twentieth."



In line 8, after "rate of," strike out "one thirtieth" and insert "one-sixtieth."

In line 11, after "rate of," strike out "one-tenth and insert "one-twentieth."

In line 17, after "rate of," strike out "one-thirtieth" and insert "one-sixtieth."

In line 19, after "rate of," strike out "five" and insert "two"; which were severally rejected.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to amend the amendment as follows: By adding at end of the paragraph, in line —, page 9, the following: "Provided, that no examiner of records shall receive for his services in performing the duties required by this act commissions exceeding the sum of ten thousand dollars in the aggregate during any one tax year"; which was rejected—yeas, 26; nays, 52.

On motion of MR. MONTAGUE, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Cawthorn, Commins, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Horner, Masie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Powers, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Steck, Stephenson, Walton, White, Winston, Woodward—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Franklin, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Milstead, Myers, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—52.

MR. POWELL stated that he would have voted in the affirmative, but he was paired with MR. TERRELL.

The amendment as offered by MR. WEAVER of *Warren*, as amended, was agreed to.

MR. FIELD offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute as follows: Page 9, strike out all of lines 89 to 103, inclusive; which was rejected.

MR. NORRIS moved to amend as follows: On line 94, page 9, strike out from "assessed" to "section," inclusive, and substitute following: "Discovered by him and not included in the assessments made by the commissioners of the revenue"; which was rejected.

MR. MILLER moved severally to amend as follows:

In title of bill omit in first line "a State advisory board of taxation and."

In lines 3 and 4 of title omit "and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act."

Omit sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, down to section 6; change sections 6 and 7 to sections 1 and 2.

On page 8, line 1, and page 8, line 80, and page 9, line 104, omit

the following: "the State advisory board" and insert "Auditor of Public Accounts"; which were severally rejected.

MR. POWELL moved severally to amend as follows:

Page 3, section 6, strike out all from the word "year," in line 1, down to and including the word "officer, etc.," on page 3, line 7, and instead thereof add the following: "The board of supervisors of each county and the upper branch of the council, if there be two branches (if there be only one, then the council), or other governing body of each city, if there be no council, shall, on or before the first day of June in every year, elect three of their members to compose a local board of review of assessments for said county or city, who, before entering on the duties of their office shall take the oath of office prescribed by law for county and city officers."

Page 4, line 13, after the word "city" insert the following: "or where there is no member of any minority party on said board of supervisors or city council."

Page 4, line 26, insert "ten days" instead of "thirty days."

Page 5, line 31, after the word "employed," insert "not exceeding ten days."

Page 4, line 16, insert "board or council" in lieu of the word "judge."

Section 6, page 3, after the Finance Committee amendment insert the following after the word "year," in line 1: "The board of supervisors of each county, council or other governing body of each city and town, shall elect," so that the section will read as follows: "On or before the first day of June, 1915, and annually thereafter on or before the first day of February in every year, the board of supervisors of each county, council or other governing body of each city and town, shall elect three qualified voters residing in such county or city to compose a local board of review of assessments, etc.," and strike out the words "judge of the circuit, corporation or hustings court of each county and city shall either in term time or vacation appoint," in lines 2 and 3, page 3; which were severally rejected.

MR. EARMAN moved to amend as follows: On page 4, line 26, section 6, after the word "than," strike out the word "thirty" and insert "twenty"; which was rejected.

MR. OLIVER moved severally to amend as follows:

On page 3, in section 6, line 2, after the word "circuit," insert the following: "court of each county and the judge of the."

On page 3, in section 6, line 2, strike out the following words: "county and"; which were severally agreed to.

MR. WHITE moved to amend as follows: Page 9, line 112, after the word "accounts," add "the State advisory board on taxation shall, on the first day of the meeting of each session of the General Assembly,

file with the Senate and House of Delegates a special report showing such defects in the system of the State as need correction and recommend specific remedies therefor"; which was agreed to.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 57; nays, 26.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Pennington, Philpott, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.

NAYS—Messrs. Branscomb, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Ferebee, Field, Gordon, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Reed, Harry B. Smith, Steck, Walton, Woodward—26.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. WEAVER of *Warren* carry the bill to the Senate and request its concurrence in the amendments proposed by the House.

The hour of 6 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

## NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 33. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; came up.

The amendments proposed by the Senate were rejected—yeas, 18; nays, 48.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Brewer, Brown, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordan, Horner, Houston, Lincoln, Massie, Montague, Norris, Oliver, Taylor, White, Winston—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Grant, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Milstead, Myers,



Noland, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Willis, Woodward—48.

MR. ROBERTSON moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments proposed by the Senate were rejected; which was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. LESNER, who informed the House that the Senate had passed Senate bill entitled an act to provide for the assessment of local taxes upon the rolling stock of electric street railway corporations, No. 87; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate had refused to concur in the amendment proposed by the House to Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910, No. 17.

On motion of MR. WEAVER *of Warren* the bill was placed on the calendar.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House.

MR. GREGORY moved that the House insist upon its amendment and request a committee of conference.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had refused to concur in the amendments proposed by the House to Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, No. 21.

On motion of MR. WEAVER *of Warren* the bill was placed on the calendar.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House.

MR. CHALKLEY moved that the House insist upon its amendments and ask for a committee of conference.

No. 81. House bill to amend and re-enact section 448 of the Code of Virginia as amended by an act approved February 9, 1910, having been printed, was, on motion of MR. STECK, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. STECK moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill

required by section 50 of the Constitution, which was agreed to—  
ayes, 67; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Grant, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—67.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 53; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Ferebee, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Reed, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—53.

NAY—Mr. Powell—1.

No: 99. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Waynesboro to call a special election of the qualified voters of said town to determine whether or not all live stock shall be prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of the town of Waynesboro, Virginia, was, on motion of Mr. GRASTY, taken up, out of its order on the calendar.

MR. GRASTY moved to dispense with the printing and further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 61; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spesard, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—61.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 63; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—63.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 81 and 99, House bills, were passed, were rejected.

No. 90. House bill to appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford, having been printed, was read at length a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of MR. OLIVER the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. T. A. Smoot, of Centenary M. E. Church, South.  
On motion of MR. MEETZE, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate by their Clerk was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 10, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact subsection 1 of section 1913-b of the Code of Virginia (1904), with reference to the size of barrels used for shipment of agricultural products, commonly called truck, No. 48; an act to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of the roads of Loudoun county, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended, No. 92; an act to amend and re-enact section 17, in reference to tax on banks and trust and security companies, of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the



interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, No. 27; an act to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended in reference to the compensation of land assessors, No. 62; and an act to authorize the town council of the town of Gladeville, in Wise county, to issue bonds to liquidate and pay off the indebtedness of said town, No. 85.

They have concurred in House amendments to Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, No. 2.

They have passed Senate bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds, No. 70; and an act to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, No. 51.

They have passed with amendments House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia in relation to State depositories, No. 84.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 84, House bill, was, on motion of MR. MONTAGUE, placed on the calendar.

Nos. 70 and 51, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

No. 82. Senate bill to reappropriate twelve hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-six cents (\$1,256.26), the unexpended balance of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) appropriated to provide a walkway around the Confederate Soldiers' Home and curb and gutter around the Battle Abbey, by an act approved March 23, 1914, entitled an act to appropriate the public revenue for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and on the 29th day of February, 1916, so that the said unexpended balance may be drawn from the State treasury at any time prior to March 1, 1916, to carry out the purposes for which originally appropriated, and for the further purpose of necessary ornamentation of the grounds of the Battle Abbey, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

No. 66. Senate bill making it a misdemeanor for a husband to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his wife, or for a parent to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his child or children

under the age of sixteen years, prescribing the penalty therefor and making provisions for the apprehension and punishment of persons convicted of non-support, and providing that persons convicted of non-support shall be sent to the convict road force in certain contingencies, providing for the taking of recognizances, and for the forfeiture and enforcement of said recognizances, providing for the appointment of probation officers and prescribing their duties and powers, and making chief of police and sheriff probation officers in certain contingencies, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee for Courts of Justice.

No. 90. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to repeal the charter of the town of Smithfield and to grant a new charter to the said town, which took effect February 17, 1900, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 100. House bill to amend and re-enact section 834 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the powers of boards of supervisors, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, changing the allowances to the attorney for the Commonwealth and clerk of Scott county, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 101. House bill to amend and re-enact section 22 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, approved March 2, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 27, 1896, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 26, 1898, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 6, 1900, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1908, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

House resolution providing for the appointment of a commission in relation to a State office building, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
RALEIGH, February 9, 1915.

*Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Richmond, Va.*

DEAR SIR:

I have the honor to herewith transmit to you a resolution adopted by the General Assembly of North Carolina, extending greetings to the General Assembly of the State of Virginia.

Respectfully,

J. BRYAN GRIMES, *Secretary of State.*

## RESOLUTION No. 14.

H. R. 226.

S. R. 148.

Resolution acknowledging the action of the Legislature of Virginia in respect to the present session of our General Assembly:

Whereas, the General Assembly of our sister State of Virginia, now in session, adopted a resolution felicitating this State upon the fact that its Legislature is in session under auspicious circumstances, and extended to our General Assembly good wishes for the success of our labors; therefore,

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring):

1. That we most earnestly and cordially appreciate this action by our sister State.

2. That this Legislature returns thanks for the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of Virginia, and begs to assure that honorable body of our most hearty appreciation of its action and of our best wishes for the citizenship of that great State, and for such wise, patriotic and constructive legislation by its Legislature, now in session, as will continue the great moral and material growth of that Commonwealth, bound to us by so many strong and kindred ties.

In the General Assembly, read three times and ratified, this the first day of February, 1915.

E. L. DAUGHTRIDGE,  
*President of the Senate.*

E. R. WOOTEN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
RALEIGH, February 9, 1915.

I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing and attached one sheet to be a true copy from the records of this office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office at Raleigh this 9th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1915.

(Seal)

J. BRYAN GRIMES,  
*Secretary of State.*

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following joint resolution:

Whereas the Joint Committee on Tax Revision, appointed pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of 1914, assembled numerous books, pamphlets and other written and printed material to aid them in their investigation; and

Whereas this said material has been analyzed and indexed by the Legislative Reference Bureau; and

Whereas it is the opinion of the members of the said Joint Committee on Tax Revision that this said material, except as hereinafter provided, should be located in the reference room of the said Legislative Reference Bureau; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the Clerk of the House of Delegates, in whose office the said material is at present located, be, and he is hereby, requested to deliver



the said books, pamphlets and other material assembled as aforesaid by the said Joint Committee on Tax Revision to the director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, to be preserved in the reference room of the said bureau for the use and benefit of the members of the General Assembly in the same manner as material on other subjects is preserved by the said bureau; provided, that the foregoing provision shall not include the copies of the report of the said committee now on hand, which, together with the desks, book cases, minutes and correspondence files, shall be disposed of in the manner directed by said Committee on Tax Revision; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. PITTS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following joint resolution reported from the Committee on Appropriations:

Be it resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That a State building committee, consisting of the Governor and five members of the General Assembly, three of whom are to be appointed by THE SPEAKER of the House and two by THE PRESIDENT of the Senate, which is authorized and directed to prepare, investigate and report to the General Assembly at its 1916 session, as follows:

1. Plans and specifications for a complete State office building, as in its wisdom may be necessary for the needs of the Commonwealth.

2. Whether the building can or should be erected within the capitol square; and if not,

3. Then a suitable lot within the city of Richmond, with its location, size and cost.

4. The approximate cost of the contemplated building.

5. Such other matters as it may deem necessary to enable the General Assembly to act wisely in event it may decide to erect the said building; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. GUNN carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. LESNER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. GUNN, KENT and GORDON the committee on the part of the House.

MR. WEAVER *of Warren* moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the further consideration of—

No. 51. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt,

and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended; which was agreed to—yeas, 74; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—74.

The bill was placed on the calendar.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The following Senate bills were read at length a first time:

No. 82. Senate bill to reappropriate twelve hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-six cents (\$1,256.26), the unexpended balance of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) appropriated to provide walkway around the Confederate Soldiers' Home and curb and gutter around the Battle Abbey, by act approved March 23, 1914, entitled an act to appropriate the public revenue for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916, so as that the said unexpended balance may be drawn from the State treasury at any time prior to March 1, 1916, to carry out the purposes for which originally appropriated, and for the further purpose of necessary ornamentation of the grounds of the Battle Abbey.

No. 66. Senate bill making it a misdemeanor for a husband to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his wife, or for a parent to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his child or children under the age of sixteen years, prescribing the penalty therefor, and making provisions for the apprehension and punishment of persons convicted of non-support, and providing that persons convicted of non-support, shall be sent to the convict road force in certain contingencies, providing for the taking of recognizances, and for the forfeiture and enforcement of said recognizances, providing for the appointment of probation officers and prescribing their duties and powers, and making chief of police and sheriff probation officers in certain contingencies.

No. 90. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to repeal the charter of the town of Smithfield, and to grant a new charter to the said town, which took effect February

17, 1900; was, on motion of Mr. CHAPMAN, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. CHAPMAN moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 81; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Brown-ing, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Nor-ris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—81.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 77; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—77.

Mr. CHAPMAN moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

No. 100. House bill to amend and re-enact section 834 of the Code of Virginia in relation to the powers of boards of supervisors, as amended by an act approved March 27, 1914, changing the allow-ances of the attorney for the Commonwealth and clerk of Scott county; was, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. JOHNSON moved to dispense with the printing and further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 71; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gre-gory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie,



Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—71.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 67; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—67.

No. 101. House bill to amend and re-enact section 22 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, approved March 2, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 27, 1896, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 26, 1898, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 6, 1900, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1908; was, on motion of MR. JORDAN, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. JORDAN moved to dispense with the printing and further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 73; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Rew, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—73.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 70; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Grasty, Gregory, Harrison, Heflin, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, 19HJ

Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—70.

No. 90. House bill to appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford; came up.

MR. WILLIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

MESSRS. WILLIS and JORDAN moved to amend the bill, as follows: At end of bill add following: "Provided, however, that no part of this money shall be paid until the State accountant shall have made a thorough examination of the said debt and approved the items as having been expended for the benefit of the abovementioned school;" which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend as follows: After the word "dollars" insert "or so much thereof as may necessary;" which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, was read at length a third time and passed—yeas, 66; nays, 7.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Price, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—66.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Norris, Powers, Rew, Steck, Stephenson, White—7.

Motions severally made to reconsider the vote by which Nos. 90, 100 and 101, House bills, were passed, were rejected.

Ordered that MR. WILLIS carry No. 90, House bill, to the Senate and request their concurrence.

Ordered that MR. JOHNSON carry No. 100, House bill, to the Senate and request their concurrence.

Ordered that MR. JORDAN carry No. 101, House bill, to the Senate and request their concurrence.

No. 94. House bill to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, to provide for the assessment of the said rolling stock, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and

re-enact an act entitled an act in relation to the assessment for local taxation of the rolling stock of railroad corporations, approved March 12, 1912, as amended by an act which became a law without the Governor's approval March 18, 1914; having been printed, was, on motion of Mr. WEAVER of *Warren*, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 71; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—71.

Mr. WILLIS moved to amend section 3, after the words shall be," strike out the words "one and one-half per cent." and insert in lieu thereof the words "one and three-fifths per cent.;" which was agreed to.

Mr. PITTS moved to amend section 1, line 5, after the word "only," by adding "on and after January 1, 1916;" which was rejected—yeas, 30; nays, 52.

On motion of Mr. PITTS the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Hughes, Kent, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Myers, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Radford, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Stubbs, Walton—30.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Brewer, Brown, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—52.

Mr. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which was rejected.

Mr. OLIVER moved to amend the title so as to read as follows: To provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, to provide for the assessment of the said rolling stock: which was agreed to.



The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 65; nays, 21.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—65.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Hughes, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Owen, Page, Philpott, Radford, Robertson, Woodward—21.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. WEAVER of *Warren* carry the bill to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the request of the House for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1914, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, No. 21.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. CHALKLEY, REED and LINCOLN the committee of conference on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate insists upon its amendment to House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, No. 33; and requests a committee of conference.

MR. MONTAGUE moved that the House concur in the request of the Senate for a committee of conference; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. MONTAGUE inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the request of the Senate for a committee of conference.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. GREGORY, MONTAGUE and HOUSTON the committee of conference on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HARMAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the request of the House for a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910, No. 17.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. WEAVER of Warren, OLIVER and MYERS the committee of conference on the part of the House.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had passed Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 44 of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1910, No. 71.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. FLETCHER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to House joint resolution providing for a recess of the General Assembly from the 11th of February, 1915, until March 8, 1915; with amendments.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

The Senate amendments as follows: Second paragraph, after the words "House bill No. 8," insert the words "and Senate bill No. 63;" was agreed to.

Senate amendment as follows: In first paragraph strike out the word "Thursday" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Saturday," and strike out the figure "11th" and insert the figure "13th;" came up.

MR. SPESSARD moved to amend the last-named Senate amendment by striking out the words and figures "Saturday" and "13th" and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures "Friday" and "12th;" which was rejected.

The last-named amendment proposed by the Senate was rejected—yeas, 44; nays, 46.

On motion of MR. SPESSARD, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chapman, Crawford, Crockett, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Oliver, Pennington, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—44.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Cawthorn, Chalkley,

Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Grasty, Green, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Meetze, Myers, Noland, Norris, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Taylor, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Willis, Woodward—46.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

MR. SPESSARD moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment proposed by the Senate providing for a recess of the General Assembly from the 11th of February until March 8, 1915, was rejected; which was agreed to.

MR. SPESSARD moved to reconsider the vote by which his amendment as follows: Strike out the words and figures "Saturday" and "13th" and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "Friday" and "12th" was rejected; which was agreed to.

The amendment as amended was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. SPESSARD inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the amendment proposed by the Senate, with amendments.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. WALKER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendment proposed by the House.

MR. GUNN presented the following report:

Report of the special committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, appointed under the provisions of a resolution adopted on January 16, 1915, and January 26, 1915, respectively, to investigate the prices of text-books used in the public schools of Virginia, etc.:

Whereas, at a meeting of the State Board of Education held on the 14th day of November, 1914, a special committee appointed to investigate the prices of text-books, made the following report:

"First: That prices on certain primary texts appear to be too high, and that prices on many school texts, particularly those to be used in the first and second years, should be materially reduced; and

"Second: That certain texts apparently have been offered to Virginia at a discriminatory price;" and

Whereas the State Board of Education is endeavoring to secure text-books adapted to the needs of the public schools at the lowest



possible cost to the patrons thereof, and at a price as low as enjoyed by other States of the Union; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Delegates (Senate concurring), That a joint committee of the General Assembly, to be appointed, two by THE PRESIDENT of the Senate and three by THE SPEAKER of the House, which shall have authority to compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of books and papers, to investigate and report to the present General Assembly as follows:

First: Whether the State of Virginia has been discriminated against in the price of text-books for use in the public schools.

Second: What legislation is necessary to insure this State a price on text-books as low as any other State in the Union, and any subdivision thereof.

Third: Such other matters or legislation as the committee may deem necessary to carry into effect the object of this resolution.

Resolved further, That the State Board of Education be, and it is hereby, requested to defer action upon the adoption of text-books pending the report of this committee.

Committee on the part of the Senate, MESSRS. RISON and CANNON.

Committee on the part of the House, MESSRS. GUNN, HOBSON and LOVE.

*To the General Assembly:*

Your committee, appointed under the foregoing resolution, respectfully reports as follows:

1. Whether the State of Virginia has been discriminated against in the price of text-books for use in the public schools.

There have been found some cases of discrimination against the State of Virginia, which the Attorney-General is now investigating with a view of instituting legal proceedings against the publishing houses charged with the offense.

2. What legislation is necessary to insure this State a price on text-books as low as any other State in the Union, and any subdivision thereof.

Since the introduction of the above resolution, the Attorney-General has drafted a bill (Senate bill No. 56) which has at this time passed the Senate and is now on the House calendar, and in our opinion will give the State Board of Education power to procure text-books at a better price than now obtains.

3. Such other matters or legislation as the committee may deem necessary to carry into effect the object of this resolution.

Heretofore the State Board of Education, under the law, has been compelled to contract for prices on a net retail basis.

Many other States have contracted for text-books on a net wholesale price and limited the amount allowed for distribution, thereby apparently reducing the cost to the school patron. The bill now pending enables the State Board of Education to contract for distribution and may thereby effect a saving by that method.

Your committee desires to say that in its opinion the State Board of Education is composed of men of high character and integrity, and is earnestly endeavoring to serve the State in the best manner possible, and any charges to the effect that their actions are influenced by selfish or ulterior motives

are without foundation in fact, and absolutely unsupported by any evidence introduced at the hearing.

Your committee would recommend to the board for their most careful and earnest consideration the following matters:

1. Less frequent change in text-books used in the schools, as in a great number of cases the purchase of text-books is of serious consideration to the heads of families throughout the State.

2. The question of distribution, as in our opinion a saving could be effected in that manner.

3. The question of the renting of plates by the State, and the publishing of text-books by contract.

Transcript of evidence taken before committee is filed with Clerk of House of Delegates.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIEN GUNN, *Chairman*,  
GEO. T. RISON,  
JAMES E. CANNON,  
S. H. LOVE,  
GRAHAM B. HOBSON.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Governor:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, February 11, 1915.

*To the House of Delegates:*

I return herewith, with my veto, House bill No. 6, for the reason that I have already approved Senate bill No. 28, an identical measure.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART,  
*Governor.*

The House proceeded to reconsider the bill.

No. 6. House bill authorizing the construction of a viaduct across James river at Lynchburg, together with the approaches, inclines and other appurtenances thereto, and the closing of the present bridge across James river at the foot of Ninth street, in the city of Lynchburg, and the sale of the present bridge, with all its appurtenances and all the property acquired therewith and now owned by the city of Lynchburg and the county of Amherst, under an act of the General Assembly approved January 14, 1882.

The question being shall the bill become a law, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, none; nays, 83.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Spessard,

Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward—83.

MR. GREGORY, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on—

No. 33. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; presented the following report:

The undersigned conferees on the disagreeing votes of the two houses of the General Assembly, on House bill No. 33, beg to report as follows:

That we recommend that the House of Delegates recede from its refusal to concur in the Senate amendment on page 9, line 19, after the word "agents," striking out the following: "Except where any such agent shall represent more than one such person, partnership, company or corporation doing such an insurance business in this State, and."

And that said amendment be adopted.

Given under our hands this 11th day of February, 1915.

J. E. WEST,  
W. T. PAXTON,  
G. WALTER MAPP,  
*Senate Conferees.*  
R. T. GREGORY,  
HILL MONTAGUE,  
HARRY R. HOUSTON,  
*House Conferees.*

Which was concurred in—yeas, 54; nays, 21.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Fulfer, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harvey, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Kent, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston—54.

NAYS—Messrs. Birrell, Bonifant, Chalkley, Green, Harrison, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Massie, Myers, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—21.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the committee of conference was concurred in; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. MONTAGUE inform the Senate that the House had concurred in the report of the committee of conference.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the report of the committee of conference.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. THORNTON, who



informed the House that the Senate had passed House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1912, No. 73; with amendments.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House.

On motion of Mr. LEEDY, the bill was placed on the calendar.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had passed House bill entitled an act to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, and to fix the rate of such taxation, and to provide for the assessment of the said rolling stock, No. 94; with an amendment.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House.

On motion of Mr. WEAVER of *Warren*, the bill was placed on the calendar.

No. 51. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended; was, on motion of Mr. WEAVER of *Warren*, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Grasty, Harris, Harrison, Harvey, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—68.

On motion of Mr. WEAVER of *Warren* the bill was passed by.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 85. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Gladeville, in Wise county, to issue bonds to liquidate and pay off the indebtedness of the said town.

No. 62. House bill to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in reference to the compensation of land assessors.

No. 77. Senate bill prescribing the manner in which cities in this Commonwealth having a population in excess of 75,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 inhabitants may request the General Assembly to grant a special form of government for any such city under section 117 of the Constitution, providing for the holding of special elections in relation thereto, and to repeal, so far as it may be in conflict therewith, section 14 of an act of the General Assembly approved March 13, 1914, and entitled an act to provide for a change in the form of government of cities having a population of less than 100,000 and of towns, and to provide in what manner such cities and towns may adopt such form of government.

No. 74. Senate bill to provide for a special election in the town of Franklin upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose of improving the streets of the said town, to allow the council of the said town to issue said bonds, if the same shall be authorized by a majority of the qualified voters thereof at such special election, and a majority of the registered voters of said town, and to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest thereon, and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the said bonds upon their maturity.

No. 84. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 16 of the charter of the city of Suffolk, as heretofore amended, approved March 4, 1912.

No. 86. Senate bill to authorize, empower and direct the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to guarantee any bonds that may be issued by the supervisors of said county pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of the said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915.

No. 83. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act to protect

pheasants in the county of Middlesex, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof, approved March 13, 1912.

No. 73. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 59 of an act entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Bristol, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved March 14, 1908.

No. 75. Senate bill to prohibit the sale of cider containing over one-half of one per cent. alcohol within one and one-half miles of the public school building in the town of Strasburg, Shenandoah county, Virginia.

No. 48. House bill to amend and re-enact subsection 1 of section 1913-b of the Code of Virginia (1904) with reference to the size of barrels used for shipment of agricultural products, commonly called trucks.

No. 92. House bill to amend and re-enact section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act for the working of roads of Loudoun county, approved February 16, 1880, as heretofore amended.

No. 2. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 459, 460 and 461 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

No. 27. House bill to amend and re-enact section 17, in reference to tax on banks and trust and security companies, of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution.

MR. ADAMS moved to take up out of its order on the calendar—

No. 93. House bill to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration with jurisdiction for said purposes for the city of Richmond and counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland and Appomattox; which was agreed to—yeas, 54; nays, 18.

On motion of Mr. MYERS, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Myers, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—54.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Chalkley, Grasty, Gregory, Johnson, Kinsey, Love, Montague, Norris, Robertson, Rolston, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, White, Williams, Woodward—18.



Pending the further consideration of the bill, on motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Bowie, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

On motion of MR. KENT, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate by their Clerk was read as follows:

*In Senate, February 11, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bills entitled an act to appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford, No. 90; an act to authorize the town council of the town of Waynesboro to call a special election of the qualified voters of said town to determine whether or not all live stock shall be prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of the town of Waynesboro, Virginia, No. 99; and an act to amend and re-enact section 22 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, approved March 2, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 27, 1896, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 25, 1898, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 6, 1900, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1908, No. 101.

They have agreed to House amendments to Senate bill entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money, by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, No. 63.

MR. TAYLOR offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Delegates, That the thanks of the House be, and they are hereby, tendered to Mr. O. V. Hanger, Clerk of the Senate of Virginia, for the courtesy shown by him to the

members of this House in the presentation to them of copies of the Senate memorial to the late Senator EDWARD ECHOLS; which was agreed to.

House bill to authorize and require the treasurer of the State of Virginia to transfer all funds in excess of five thousand dollars standing to the credit of the banking fund, Corporaiton Commission, to the general fund of the State on the 1st day of July, 1915, and annually thereafter; was presented by MR. PENNINGTON under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had passed Senate bill entitled an act authorizing cities and towns to impose taxes for their purposes at the respective rates now authorized to each of them by laws, plus an additional rate of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of such property as they are not prohibited from taxing by general law and except upon property upon which a maximum rate for local purposes is fixed by a general law, No. 92.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House. The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. WILLIS moved to discharge the committee from further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 52; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—52.

The bill was placed on the calendar.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

No. 93. House bill to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration, with jurisdiction for said purposes, for the city of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland and Appomattox; unfinished business, was, on motion of MR. ADAMS, passed by.

No. 94. House bill to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, and to provide for the assessment of the said rolling stock; came up.

On motion of MR. WEAVER of *Warren*, the amendments proposed by the Senate were rejected—yea, 1; nays, 52.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEA—Mr. Fuller—1.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Owen, Pennington, Powers, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—52.

Ordered that MR. WEAVER of *Warren* inform the Senate that the House had rejected the amendments proposed by the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had receded from its amendments to the bill.

No. 84. House bill to amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to State depositories; came up.

On motion of MR. BAKER, the amendments proposed by the Senate were concurred in—yeas, 62; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Owen, Pennington, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—62.

MR. BAKER moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments were concurred in; which motion was rejected.

No. 73. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1912; came up.

MR. OLIVER moved that the House refuse to concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. OLIVER inform the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. THORNTON, who informed the House that the Senate insists upon its amendments and requests a committee of conference.

MR. OLIVER moved that the request of the Senate for a committee of conference be concurred in; which was agreed to.



Ordered that Mr. OLIVER inform the Senate that the House had agreed to a committee of conference.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. LEEDY, OLIVER and POWERS the committee of conference on the part of the House.

No. 82. Senate bill to reappropriate twelve hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-six cents (\$1,256.26), the unexpended balance of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), appropriated to provide walkway around the Confederate Soldiers' Home and curb and gutter around the Battle Abbey, by act approved March 23, 1914, entitled an act to appropriate the public revenue for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916, so as that the said unexpended balance may be drawn from the State treasury at any time prior to March 1, 1916, to carry out the purposes for which originally appropriated, and for the further purpose of necessary ornamentation of the grounds of the Battle Abbey; was, on motion of Mr. BREWER, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. BREWER moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 63; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Hefflin, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—63.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 70; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Grasty, Gregory, Harrison, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—70.

MR. BREWER moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

No. 51. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government

and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908; came up.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to amend as follows: Page 5, line 81, after the word "real estate" insert the following: "provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent cities and towns of this Commonwealth from imposing a license tax on merchants, mercantile firms or corporations, based on their purchase or otherwise, in pursuance of their respective charters or otherwise, in pursuance of their respective charters or general laws of the State for the government of cities and towns; which was agreed to.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to amend as follows: Clause 7, page 6, line 108, add after the word "companies" the following: "and insurance companies;" which was agreed to—yeas, 43; nays, 28.

On motion of MR. MONTAGUE, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Bonifant, Brown, Cawthorn, Commins, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Kent, Lincoln, Looney, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Pitts, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Winston, Woodward—43.

NAYS—Messrs. Birrell, Brewer, Crockett, Field, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Malbon, Milstead, Noland, Philpott, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Terrell, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, White, Willis and Mr. Speaker—28.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to consider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; which was agreed to.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to amend as follows: Page 2, line 31, add after the word "State" the word "city" and by putting a comma after the word "State;" which was agreed to.

MR. GORDON moved to amend as follows: Line 14, page 7, strike out the word "sixty" and insert in lieu thereof the word "fifty;" which was rejected.

MR. BREWER moved to amend as follows: Page 7, line 14, strike out "sixty" and insert "sixty-five;" which was agreed to—yeas, 57; nays, 23.

On motion of MR. BREWER, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Brown-ing, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Nelson, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tif-

fany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward—57.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Crockett, Easley, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Heflin, Hughes, Leedy, Miller, Montague, Myers, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pitts, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Stearnes, Willis and Mr. Speaker—23.

MR. STEARNES moved to amend as follows: Line 36, page 8, add the following: "The provisions of this section of this schedule shall apply with equal force to any person or corporation representing in this State business interests that may claim a domicile elsewhere, the intent and purpose being that no non-resident person or corporation, either personally or through any agent, shall transact business here without paying to the State a corresponding tax with that exacted of its own citizens, and all bills receivable, obligations or credits, and other intangible assets arising from the business done in this State are hereby declared assessable within this State and at the business domicile of said non-resident person or corporation, his or its agent or representative;" which was agreed to.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: On page 4, line 59, strike out all of section 2 and make subsequent section numbers to conform; which was rejected.

MESSRS. PENNINGTON and OLIVER moved to amend as follows: Page 3, line 32, after the word "not" strike out the period and insert in lieu thereof a comma, and then add the following: "deducting from the aggregate amount thereof all such bonds, demands or claims not otherwise deducted owing to others as such principal debtor, and not as guarantor, endorser or surety, but not deducting any money that may be due to others on account of the purchase of securities which are non-taxable; but no bond, demand or claim constituting a part of the capital as defined in this act of the business done out of this State, or any capital used by any merchant or manufacturer, and taxed under this act, shall be included in this section. No credit shall be given for debts due nor deductions made unless such taxpayer shall append to said list an inventory showing the persons and address to whom said demands or debts are owing and the amount of each;" which was rejected—yeas, 34; nays, 43.

On motion of MR. WEAVER of Warren, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Browning, Commins, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Gunn, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Stearnes, Stephenson, Taylor, H. C. Weaver, Willis, Winston, Woodward—34.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dodson, Easley, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Heflin, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Norris, Powers, Price, Robertson,



Rolston, Spatig, Spessard, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—43.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which was agreed to.

The amendment proposed by MESSRS. BENNINGTON and OLIVER was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was agreed to; which was agreed to.

MR. BARLEY moved to amend as follows: Top of page 7, engrossed bill, line 1, after the word "schedule" strike out the words "the tax shall be as provided by law" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "There shall be a tax of thirty cents on every hundred dollars of the assessed value thereof, which shall be paid into the treasury of the State to be applied, ten cents to the support of the public free schools of the State and the balance to the support of the government;" which was rejected—yeas, 36; nays, 47.

On motion of MR. BARLEY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Ferebee, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Horner, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Love, Massie, Meetze, Myers, Nelson, Page, Philpott, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, A. G. Weaver, White—36.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Birrell, Brown, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dedson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Rew, Spatig, Spessard, Taylor, Tiffany, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—47.

The several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 66; nays, 12.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Heflin, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—66.

NAYS—Messrs. Cawthorn, Chalkley, Crockett, Easley, Gordon, Green, Gunn, Jordan, Lewis, Meetze, Nelson, Page—12.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. CHALKLEY carry the bill to the Senate and request their concurrence in the amendments proposed by the House.

MR. CHALKLEY, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, No. 21, presented the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, amended by an act approved March 30, 1912, No. 21, recommends as follows:

1st. That the Senate accept and concur in the House amendment on page 2, line 8, that the word "including" be stricken out and the word "except" written in lieu thereof.

2nd. That the House recede from its amendment on page 2, line 15, reading as follows: After the word "property," strike out "but not including dividends paid in stock," and insert in lieu thereof "whether paid or declared in cash or stocks or otherwise."

3rd. That the House recede from its amendment on page 3, line 45, reading "after the word 'of,' strike out '\$1,500' and insert in lieu thereof '\$1,000,' and that both House and Senate accept and concur in an amendment reading" "\$1,200" in lieu of "\$1,500."

4th. That the House recede from its amendment on page 4, line 47, reading, "after the words 'of' strike out '\$2,000' and insert in lieu thereof '\$1,500,' and that both House and Senate accept and concur in an amendment reading "\$1,800" in lieu of "\$2,000."

5th. That the House recede from its amendment on page 4, line 49, reading, after the word 'of,' strike out '\$200' and insert in lieu thereof '\$300'."

6th. That the Senate accept and concur in the House amendment, in section 1, line 2, reading, "strike out 'section' and insert 'sections,' and after the word 'ten' add 'and eleven.'"

7th. That the Senate accept and concur in the House amendment, page 3, paragraph 4, at end of paragraph reading: add "except that when live stock has been purchased and sold during the year since the last assessment, there shall be deducted from the sale of such live stock the cost of the same."

8th. That the Senate accept and concur in the House amendment, page 3, section 5, line 36, reading: "after the word 'fences,' add the word 'feed'."

9th. That the Senate accept and concur in the House amendment reading as follows: "Amend title as follows: strike out 'section' and insert 'sections,' and after '10' add 'and 11,' and at end of title add 'defining incomes and tax on incomes'."

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. BUCHANAN,  
SAXON W. HOLT,  
JNO. A. LESNER,

*Conferees on the part of the Senate.*

JNO. W. CHALKLEY,  
J. DAVIS REED,  
A. T. LINCOLN,

*Conferees on the part of the House.*

which was adopted—yeas, 66; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Willis, Winston—66.

NAY—Mr. Pitts—1.

Mr. CHALKLEY moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the committee of conference was adopted; which was rejected.

Ordered that Mr. CHALKLEY inform the Senate that the House had concurred in the report of the committee of conference.

A message was received from the Senate by Mr. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the report of the committee of conference.

No. 58. Senate bill making valid the recordation of deeds and other writings of corporations heretofore executed or recorded upon certain certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by officers of such corporations; came up.

Mr. FIELD moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 65; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commons, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward—65.

Mr. CHALKLEY moved severally to amend as follows: Amend the title as follows: "And to validate acknowledgments taken by notaries public holding commissions for cities but residing in counties in which said cities or parts thereof are located." After the word "not," in line 8, page 1, add the following: "And that acknowledgments heretofore taken by notaries public holding commissions for cities but residing in counties in which said cities or parts thereof are located;" which was agreed to.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 73; nays, none.



The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston—73.

MR. WILLIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. CHALKLEY carry the bill to the Senate and request their concurrence in the amendments proposed by the House.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. ANDREWS, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendments proposed by the House.

No. 59. Senate bill making the recordation of deeds and other writings heretofore recorded upon certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by clerks and deputy clerks of courts in any of the United States, though failing to state that such deeds or other writings were acknowledged in their respective offices, and to validate acknowledgments taken by notaries public holding commissions for cities but residing in counties in which said cities or parts thereof are located; was, on motion of MR. FIELD, dismissed.

No. 57. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 164 of the Code of Virginia of 1904, as amended by acts approved March 14, 1908, March 17, 1910, and January 30, 1914; came up.

MR. WHITE moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 67; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Gordon, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward—67.

NAY—Mr. Powell—1.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 66; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Horner, Kent, Land, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston—66.

NAY—Mr. Powell—1.

Mr. WHITE moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 33. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 90. House bill to appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford.

No. 90. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 15 of an act entitled an act to repeal the charter of the town of Smithfield and to grant a new charter to the said town, which took effect February 17, 1900.

No. 101. House bill to amend and re-enact section 22 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, approved March 2, 1892, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved February 27, 1896, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved January 25, 1898, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 6, 1900, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 14, 1908.

No. 99. House bill to authorize the town council of the town of Waynesboro to call a special election of the qualified voters of said town to determine whether or not all live stock shall be prohibited from running at large within the corporate limits of the town of Waynesboro, Virginia.

No. 63. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this

act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money, by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 64. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908; was, on motion of MR. CHALKLEY, dismissed.

No. 92. Senate bill authorizing cities and towns to impose taxes for their purposes at the respective rates now authorized to each of them by laws, plus an additional rate of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of such property as they are not prohibited from taxing by general law and except upon property upon which a maximum rate for local purposes is fixed by a general law; was, on motion of MR. WILLIS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WILLIS moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 54; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—54.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 58; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Gordon, Gregory, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—58.



MR. WILLIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

MR. OLIVER, from the committee of conference on the disagree-votes of the two houses on—

No. 73. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1912, presented the following report:

*To the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia:*

We, your undersigned conferees, upon the disagreeing votes of the two houses on No. 73, House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1912, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the Senate recede from its amendment, and that in lieu thereof the following amendment be adopted: "In next to the last line, after the word 'Alleghany,' insert 'Caroline'."

R. E. THORNTON,  
C. U. GRAVATT.

*Conferees on the Part of the Senate.*

WALTER TANSILL OLIVER,  
ROBT. F. LEEDY,  
D. B. POWERS,

*Conferees on the part of the House of Delegates.*

which was adopted—yeas, 64; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Brown-ing, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Ear-man, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Pow-ers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis, W. Smith, Spatig, Spes-sard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—64.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the committee of conference was adopted; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. OLIVER inform the Senate that the House had adopted the report of the committee of conference.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. THORNTON, who informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the report of the committee of conference.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the

interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved March 12, 1908, No. 51.

No. 11. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½-a, 46½-b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51-a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118-a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 141 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof; was, on motion of MR. WEAVER of *Warren*, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 65; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston.—65.

NAY—Mr. Gordon—1.

MR. LEEDY moved that the bill be passed by; which was agreed to—yeas, 45; nays, 21.

On motion of MR. HOBSON, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnston, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—45.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Chalkley, Easley, Field, Grasty, Hobson, Kent, Kinsey, Looney, Love, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Page, Powell, Pitts, Reed, Taylor, White, Willis—21.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 94. House bill to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, and to provide for the assessment of the said rolling stock.

No. 82. Senate bill to reappropriate twelve hundred and fifty-six dollars and twenty-six cents (\$1,256.26), the unexpended balance of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00), appropriated to provide walkway around the Confederate Soldiers' Home and curb and gutter around the Battle Abbey, by act approved March 23, 1914, entitled an act to appropriate the public revenue for the two fiscal years ending, respectively, on the 28th day of February, 1915, and the 29th day of February, 1916, so as that the said unexpended balance may be drawn from the State treasury at any time prior to March 1, 1916, to carry out the purposes for which originally appropriated and for the further purpose of necessary ornamentation of the ground of the Battle Abbey.

No. 84. House bill to amend and re-enact section 753 of the Code of Virginia in relation to State depositories.

No. 91. House bill to amend section 103 of an act approved February 28, 1896, entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Roanoke, as amended by an act approved February 26, 1908, and to amend section 104 of said act, approved February 28, 1896; was, on motion of MR. WILLIS, dismissed.

MR. CHALKLEY moved that 3,500 copies each of No. 8 House bill and Nos. 51 and 63 Senate bills, as passed by both houses and approved by the Governor, be printed, and that the Superintendent of Public Printing be directed to mail each member twenty copies of each; which was agreed to.

No. 56. Senate bill relating to contracts for text-books adopted for use in the public free schools of the Commonwealth; was, on motion of MR. GUNN, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. GUNN moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 56; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, White, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—56.

MR. WHITE moved severally to amend the bill as follows: Insert



after section 8 a new section, No. 8½, to read as follows: "All meetings of the State Board of Education shall be open to the public and a recorded vote shall be taken on all questions relating to the adoption of and contracts for text-books for use in the public schools of the Commonwealth." At end of section 2 on page 3, change period to comma and insert the following: "Except such changes as may be agreed upon by the State Board of Education;" which were severally agreed to.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 66; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—66.

MR. GUNN moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. GUNN carry the bill to the Senate and request their concurrence in the amendments proposed by the House.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. RISON, who informed the House that the Senate had concurred in the amendments proposed by the House to the bill.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. WILLIAMS, WHITE, BREWER and STUBBS the committee on the part of the House, who, together with THE SPEAKER, chairman of the Committee of Finance and the chairman of the Committee for Courts of Justice, constitute the committee provided by resolution charged with the duty of preparing such bill or bills as may be necessary to put into effect the system of taxation as provided by the passage of House bill No. 8 and Senate bill No. 63.

No. 93. House bill to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration, with jurisdiction for said purposes, for the city of Richmond and counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland and Appomattox; unfinished business, having been printed, was read at length a second time.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the hour of 6 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

## NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 92. Senate bill authorizing cities and towns to impose taxes for their purposes at the respective rates now authorized to each of them by laws plus an additional rate of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of such property as they are not prohibited from taxing by general law and except upon property upon which a maximum rate for local purposes is fixed by a general law.

No. 58. Senate bill making valid the recordation of deeds and other writings of corporations, heretofore or hereafter executed or recorded, upon certain certificates of acknowledgments of the parties thereto by officers of such corporations, and to validate acknowledgments taken by notaries public holding commissions for cities but residing in counties in which said cities or parts thereof are located.

No. 21. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act, to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes.

No. 57. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 164 of the Code of Virginia of 1904, as amended by acts approved March 14, 1908, March 17, 1910, and January 30, 1914.

No. 73. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 26, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 525 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, approved February 20, 1912.

No. 51. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended.

No. 56. Senate bill relating to contracts for text-books adopted for use in the public free schools of the Commonwealth.

No. 93. House bill to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration, with jurisdiction for said purposes, for the city of Richmond and counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland and Appomattox; unfinished business, came up.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows: Page 30, section 50, line 4, strike out "State" and insert "city or county."

On motion of MR. CHALKLEY, the vote was recorded as follows: Yeas, 14; nays, 31.

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, John Orr Daniel, Kinsey, Leedy, Love, Montague, Norris, Spatig, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Browning, Cawthorn, Commins, Crawford, Dodson, Duke, Fuller, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Jordan, Kent, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Willis and Mr. Speaker—31.

There being no quorum voting, MR. GREGORY moved that the House do now adjourn; which was rejected—yeas, 19; nays, 34.

On motion of MR. GREGORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Brown, Browning, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Gregory, Harris, Houston, Kinsey, Looney, Malbon, Noland, Pitts, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver—19.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Fuller, Gunn, Hobson, Jordan, Kent, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stubbs, Taylor, Walton, Williams and Mr. Speaker—34.

MR. CHALKLEY moved severally to amend as follows;

Page 30, section 50, line 4, strike out word "State" and insert "city or county."

Page 30, line 6, strike out "Auditor of Public Accounts" and insert "city or county treasurer."

Page 31, section 51, line 5, strike out word "Commonwealth" and add in lieu thereof "city or county."

Page 31, section 52, line 8, strike out "Commonwealth" and insert "county or city in which such land lies."

Page 32, lines 13 and 14, strike out "general" and "Commonwealth" and insert "city or county."

Page 32, section 53, line 4, strike out "Commonwealth" and insert "county or city."

Page 33, section 53, line 9 (top), strike out "Commonwealth" and add "county or city."

Page 33, section 54, line 4, strike out "Commonwealth" and add "county or city."



Page 33, line 8, strike out "Auditor of Public Accounts" and add "treasurer of the county or city."

Page 33, line 11, strike out "Auditor" and insert "treasurer."

Page 33, line 13, strike out "Commonwealth and add "county or city;" which were severally rejected.

MR. SPESSARD moved to amend as follows: "Provided, nothing in this act shall apply to any county or city west of the Blue Ridge Mountains;" which was rejected.

On motions severally made the bill was amended by adding at the end of section 58 and at the end of the title the following:

"Surry, Prince George, Amelia, Nottoway, Albemarle, Campbell, Brunswick, Prince William, Chesterfield, Powhatan, Hanover, King William, King and Queen, Essex, Mecklenburg, Amherst, Dinwiddie, Wythe, Washington, Sussex, and the cities of Portsmouth, Danville."

The bill, as amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

MR. NORRIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was rejected.

MR. LEEDY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution.

MR. OLIVER moved to pass by the motion; which was agreed to.

MR. BROWNING moved that the House do now adjourn until March 8, 1915, in pursuance of joint resolution heretofore agreed to; which was agreed to.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, of Forest Hill.

On motion of MR. FIELDS, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

MR. Cox, from the joint committee, presented the following report:

*To the General Assembly of Virginia:*

The Joint Legislative Committee appointed under a joint resolution agreed to February 11, 1915, respectfully reports that it met, organized and proceeded to the discharge of the duties required under the resolution.

The resolution provided that the Clerk of the House of Delegates and

Clerk of the Senate should mail to each member of their respective bodies a copy of each bill drawn or proposed by the committee. This has been impossible, for the reason that the bills could not be prepared in time to be printed so as to reach the members before leaving their homes, and it has been thought best to distribute them to the members on their arrival in Richmond. The bills will be distributed and in the files of the members with an explanation of the purpose of each of the bills printed thereon.

Your committee has prepared such bills as it deemed responsive to the resolution under which it was acting, and it recommends that certain of these bills be introduced in the Senate and certain in the House of Delegates, so that both houses will not be considering the same subject matter at the same time. Therefore your committee recommends that the following bills be introduced in the Senate, and in the order herein named:

A bill to amend and re-enact sections 450, 451, 456, 458, 462, 464, 466, 468, 471, 486, 487, 489, 491, 494, 496, 497, 498, 503, 504, 511, 520, 527, 548, 550, 553, 555, 556, 562, and 578 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, and to repeal sections 465, 502, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521 and 544 of the same chapter of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, said chapter 24 having relation to the assessment of taxes on persons and property, license, etc. Patron, Mr. Fletcher.

A bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, approved February 18, 1915. Patron, Mr. Walker.

A bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of reports of purchases by merchants, and the review of the annual returns and assessments of intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, approved February 16, 1915. Patron, Mr. Fletcher.

A bill to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act ap-

proved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on income, approved February 16, 1915. Patron, Mr. Buchanan.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 1043 of chapter 44 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended. Patron, Mr. Paul.

A bill to amend section 833 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended by an act approved March 11, 1908, and other acts in relation to the powers and duties of the board of supervisors at annual meetings by changing the body of said section, and by an amendment in addition to the new section designated as section 833-a, which shall prescribe the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors in relation to county and school levies, approved March 11, 1908, as further amended by an act approved March 28, 1914. Patron, Mr. Saunders.

A bill to prohibit the assessment for taxation for any year prior to the year 1915 of intangible personal property not heretofore assessed for taxation, and to bar prosecutions for failure to make proper returns or for making improper returns thereof prior to January 1, 1915. Patron, Mr. Cannon.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 47 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903. Patron, Mr. Buchanan.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the segregation of tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, and to provide for the assessment of said rolling stock, approved February 16, 1915. Patrons, Messrs. Buchanan and Walker.

A bill authorizing the boards of supervisors of counties and the councils of cities and towns to adopt the classification of the several subjects of taxation as the same are now, or hereafter may be, classified for the purposes of taxation by the State, and in their discretion to impose different rates upon one or more of such classes of property when levying taxes for their purposes. Patron, Mr. Paul.

And that the following bills be introduced in the House of Delegates, and in the order named:

A bill to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as hereinbefore amended, and to add a new section thereto, hereby designated as section 29½, providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning and other car companies operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies. Patron, Mr. Williams.

A bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915, and until otherwise provided by law, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, and to repeal an act entitled an act to segregate for the purpose of taxation pursuant to section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of



the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, approved February 16, 1915. Patrons, Messrs. Oliver and White.

A bill to amend sections 603, 604 and 613 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended. Patrons, Messrs. Oliver and White.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require interest to be paid upon all State, county, district and municipal taxes or levies remaining unpaid on the fifteenth of June in the year next after that in which the same were or may be assessed or assessable, and to prescribe the date from which such interest shall be charged, as approved March 12, 1904. Patrons, Messrs. White and Oliver.

A bill to repeal an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to provide for the examination of the books of land assessors by the clerk of the court; assessor assisting in examination; how errors corrected; compensation to clerks. Patrons, Messrs. White and Oliver.

A bill to amend and re-enact sections 11 and 12 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the act approved March 12, 1904, relating to the establishment, proper construction and permanent improvement of the public roads and landings, for building and keeping in good order and repair all roads, bridges, causeways and wharfs, etc., approved March 17, 1906, and as approved March 13, 1908. Patron, Mr. Stubbs.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State, approved March 13, 1912. Patron, Mr. Stubbs.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the permanent road or bridge improvement in the counties of the State, approved February 25, 1910. Patron, Mr. Stubbs.

A bill to amend and re-enact sections 444 and 445 of the Code of Virginia. Patrons, Messrs. Oliver and Brewer.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 139 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 13, 1912, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 24, 1914. Patron, Mr. Oliver.

A bill providing mileage to the members, clerks, officers and pages of the General Assembly for attending the reconvening of the General Assembly on March 8, 1915. Patron, Mr. Cox.

A bill to fix the situs for taxation of the rolling stock of electric railway corporations and to provide for the assessment thereof. Patrons, Messrs. Oliver and Baker.

A bill to permit circuit courts of counties, or judges thereof in vacation, the corporation or hustings courts of cities (or the circuit courts of cities not having corporation or hustings courts), or the judges thereof in vacation, to extend the regular annual session of the local boards of review and to provide compensation for the members of the local boards of review and their clerks. Patron, Mr. Williams.

Your committee recommends that the Senate bills be numbered as introduced from Nos. 93 to 102, both inclusive, and further recommends that the committees to which the House bills are referred when introduced be discharged from the further consideration of the bills in the order named, and that they be numbered from 102 to 114, both inclusive.

Your committee has tentatively followed this system of numbering in the printing of these bills, and recommends that they all be treated as emergency measures and that in order to save time, and place the bills before the houses for consideration, motions be made to dispense with the constitutional re-

quirements for the further printing and the readings of the bills on three separate calendar days.

Your committee recommends that the committee of the House of Delegates which is now considering No. 70, Senate bill, in relation to the apportionment and disbursement of the State school funds, should immediately report the same and that the same should be passed with the following amendments:

On page 2, line 14, after the word "property," strike out the words "segregated for State taxation only."

On page 2, line 21, after the word "upon," insert the words "persons and."

These amendments are recommended so as to make the Senate bill conform to House bill No. 8.

Your committee recommends that the committee of the House of Delegates which is now considering No. 71, Senate bill, amending section 1506 of the Code, should immediately report the same and that the same should be passed with the following amendment:

Strike out, on page 4, line 60, after the word "Virginia," all including the word "to-wit," down to and including the word "property," in line 64.

This amendment is recommended because the construction of section 136 of the Constitution of Virginia is pending before the courts, and it is not desirable for the General Assembly to interfere in the judicial interpretation of this section.

No. 44, House bill, is now pending in the House of Delegates on Senate amendments of a formal nature. Your committee recommends that the Senate amendments be concurred in.

Nos. 87 and 88, House bills, are provided for by Nos. 70 and 71, Senate bills, and it is not necessary, therefore, that they be further considered.

For the further information of the General Assembly your committee has had printed a report of a sub-committee touching the distribution of the rolling stock of electric railways and also another report of a sub-committee on schools and roads, which explains the amendments suggested in connection with Nos. 70 and 71, Senate bills, and the amendments to the road and school laws.

Respectfully submitted,

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W. A. GARRETT,  
B. F. BUCHANAN,  
GEO. LATHAM FLETCHER,  
JAMES E. CANNON,  
JOHN PAUL,  
JOHN R. SAUNDERS.

*On the part of the Senate.*

EDWIN P. COX,  
WALTER TANSILL OLIVER,  
AUBREY G. WEAVER,  
MARTIN WILLIAMS,  
HUGH A. WHITE,  
J. N. STUBBS,  
R. L. BREWER.

*On the part of the House of Delegates.*

House bill to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to add a new section

thereto, hereby designated as section 29½, providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning and other car companies operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies; was presented by MR. WILLIAMS, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 53; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—53.

The bill, No. 102, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to segregate, for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915, and until otherwise provided by law, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, and to repeal an act entitled an act to segregate for the purpose of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, approved February 16, 1915; was presented by MESSRS. OLIVER and WHITE, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 54; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Flanagan, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—54.



The bill, No. 103, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to amend sections 603, 604 and 613 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended; was presented by MESSRS. OLIVER and WHITE, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 52; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—52.

The bill, No. 104, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require interest to be paid upon all State, county, district and municipal taxes or levies remaining unpaid on the 15th of June in the year next after that in which the same were or may be assessed or assessable, and to prescribe the date from which such interest shall be charged, as approved March 12, 1904; was presented by MESSRS. WHITE and OLIVER, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 55; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—55.

The bill, No. 105, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to repeal an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to provide for the examination of the books of land assessors by the clerk of the court: assessor assisting in examination; how errors corrected; compensation to clerks; was presented by MESSRS. WHITE and OLIVER, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the fur-

ther consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 52; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Price, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—52.

The bill, No. 106, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to amend and re-enact sections 11 and 12 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of an act approved March 12, 1904, relating to the establishment, proper construction and permanent improvement of the public roads and landings, for building and keeping in good order and repair all roads, bridges, causeways and wharves, and so forth, approved March 17, 1906, and as approved March 13, 1908; was presented by Mr. STUBBS, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 56; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—56.

The bill, No. 107, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State, approved March 13, 1912; was presented by Mr. STUBBS, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 53; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington,

Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—53.

The bill, No. 108, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for the permanent road or bridge improvements in the counties of the State, approved February 25, 1910; was presented by MR. STUBBS, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 55; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—55.

The bill, No. 109, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to amend and re-enact sections 444 and 445 of the Code of Virginia; was presented by MESSRS. OLIVER and WHITE, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 53; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Green, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—53.

The bill, No. 110, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to amend and re-enact section 139 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide for a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 13, 1912, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 24, 1914; was presented by Mr. OLIVER, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the fur-



ther consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 53; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—53.

The bill, No. 111, was placed on the calendar.

House bill providing mileage to the members, clerks, officers and pages of the General Assembly for attending the reconvening of the General Assembly on March 8, 1915; was presented by Mr. Cox, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 53; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—53.

The bill, No. 112, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to fix the situs for taxation of the rolling stock of electric railway corporations, and provide for the assessment thereof; was presented by MESSRS. OLIVER and BAKER, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 55; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—55.

The bill, No. 113, was placed on the calendar.

House bill to permit the circuit courts of counties or the judges thereof in vacation, the corporation or hustings courts of cities (or

the circuit courts of cities not having corporation or hustings courts), or the judges thereof in vacation, to extend regular annual session of the local boards of review and to provide compensation for the members of the local boards of review and their clerks; was presented by MR. WILLIAMS, under Rule 37, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 52; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—52.

The bill, No. 114, was placed on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the committee on Finance from the further consideration of Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds, No. 70; which was agreed to—yeas, 54; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—54.

The bill was placed on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to discharge the Committee on Finance from the further consideration of Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds shall consist of, approved March 25, 1914, No. 71; which was agreed to—yeas, 55; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Phil-

pott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—55.

The bill was placed on the calendar.

The following were presented and referred, under Rule 37, to the Committee on Finance:

By MR. POWELL: Joint resolution proposing amendment to section 172 of the Constitution of Virginia, and providing for publishing said amendment and certifying the same to the next General Assembly.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

No. 70. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of the State school funds; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 56; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grasty, Harris, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—56.

No. 71. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds shall consist of, approved March 25, 1914; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 57; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.



No. 102. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to add a new section thereto, hereby designated as section 29½, providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning and other car companies operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 54; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philippott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—54.

No. 103. House bill to segregate, for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915, and until otherwise provided by law, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, and to repeal an act entitled an act to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes, and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, approved February 16, 1915; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 56; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—56.

No. 104. House bill to amend sections 603, 604 and 613 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 61; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—61.

No. 106. House bill to repeal an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to provide for the examination of the books of land assessors by the clerk of the court; assessor assisting in examination; how errors corrected, compensation to clerks; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 57; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.

No. 107. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 11 and 12 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the act approved March 12, 1904, relating to the establishment, proper construction and permanent improvement of the public roads and landings, for building and keeping in good order and repair all roads, bridges, causeways and wharves, and so forth, approved March

17, 1906, and as approved March 13, 1908; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 56; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Field, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—56.

No. 108. House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State, approved March 13, 1912; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 52; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—52.

No. 109. House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for the permanent road or bridge improvement in the counties of the State, approved February 25, 1910; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 54; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Chalkley, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Field, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—54.



No. 110. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 444 and 445 of the Code of Virginia; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 53; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—53.

No. 111. House bill to amend and re-enact section 139 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide for a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 13, 1912, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 24, 1914; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 55; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—55.

No. 112. House bill providing mileage to the members, clerks, officers and pages of the General Assembly for attending the reconvening of the General Assembly on March 8, 1915; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 59; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Mil-

stead, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—59.

No. 113. House bill to fix the situs for taxation of the rolling stock of electric railway corporations, and provide for the assessment thereof; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 59; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—59.

No. 114. House bill to permit circuit courts of counties or the judges thereof in vacation, the corporation or hustings courts of cities (or the circuit courts of cities not having corporation or hustings courts), or the judges thereof in vacation, to extend the regular annual session of the local boards of review and to provide compensation for the members of the local boards of review and their clerks; was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the Calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 56; nay 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—56.

NAY—Mr. Francis W. Smith—1.

The following House bills were, on motions severally made by MESSRS. FIELD and CHALKLEY, dismissed.

No. 105. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require interest to be paid upon all State, county, district and municipal taxes or levies remaining unpaid on the 15th of June in the

year next after that in which the same were or may be assessed or assessable, and to prescribe the date from which such interest shall be charged, as approved March 12, 1904.

No. 87. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds shall consist of, approved March 25, 1914.

No. 88. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, the chair was vacated until 4 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 4 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 70. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds; came up.

MR. WHITE moved severally to amend as follows: Line 14, after the word "property," strike out the words "segregated for taxation only"; line 21, after word "upon," insert the words "persons and"; which were severally agreed to.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 48; nays, 15.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Fuller, Gordon, Harris, Harrison, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Rew, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—48.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Cawthorn, Dalton, Easley, Green, Hughes, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Nelson, Page, Pitts, Powell, Walton—15.

No. 71. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds shall consist of, approved March 25, 1914; came up.

MR. WHITE moved to amend by striking out the emergency clause, lines 79 to 83, inclusive; which was rejected.



MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected, which was rejected.

MR. WHITE moved to amend as follows: Lines 59 and 60, after the word "Virginia," strike out all down to and including the word "property," in line 64; which was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved severally to amend as follows: On page 3, in line 37, after the word "cents," insert the following words: "nor more than forty cents"; on page 3, in line 40, after the word "cents," insert the following words: "nor more than thirty-five cents"; which were severally rejected.

MR. OLIVER moved to amend as follows: Line 69, after the word "respectively," add the following: "Provided, however, that the total levy for county and district school purposes shall not exceed fifty cents on the hundred dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property in both the county and the district"; which was rejected—yeas, 22; nays, 41.

On motion of MR. GREGORY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Cawthorn, Commins, Dalton, Field, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Leedy, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Reed, Stearnes, Walton, H. C. Weaver—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Heflin, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Love, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Philpott, Powell, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—41.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the hour of 6 o'clock J. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

## NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Governor.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, March 8, 1915.

*To the General Assembly:*

It becomes my painful duty to advise the General Assembly that the Hon. Thomas E. Blakey, judge of the Twelfth judicial circuit, departed this life on February 17, 1915.

Respectfully,

H. C. STUART, *Governor.*

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Governor, which communication was lodged with the Clerk of the House of Delegates in the recess thereof, on February 19, 1915:  
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, February 19, 1915.

*To the House of Delegates:*

In segregating to the State the taxes on insurance companies, as provided in House bill No. 33, it is not made clear that the new rate of taxes on insurance companies applies to the license year beginning April 30, 1915, and ending April 30, 1916; nor does it make clear that the local taxes heretofore paid by insurance companies are fully absorbed by the new State tax, as was evidently intended by the General Assembly.

I would recommend, therefore, that the bill be amended so as to cover this point, and I am herewith returning the measure for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART, *Governor.*

THE SPEAKER laid the bill, No. 33, House bill to amend and reenact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, before the House, together with the recommendations of the Governor for its amendment, and the House proceeded to reconsider the bill and the recommendations of the Governor for its amendment.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to amend the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor, as follows:

Section 23, line 5 of second paragraph of enrolled bill, after the word "shall," strike out the word "bear" and insert the following: "be two hundred dollars if the said license period be one year, otherwise the said first year's license tax shall be."

Section 23, line 6 of second paragraph of enrolled bill, strike out the word "to," and insert the word "of."

Section 23, line 6 of second paragraph of enrolled bill, strike out the word "annual" and insert the words "two hundred dollars."

Section 23, at end of second paragraph of enrolled bill, strike out the period after the word "year," insert a comma and add the following words: "but said commissioner shall, for the purposes of the immediate collection of the license tax for the current year, furnish the information herein required to the Auditor of Public Accounts within five days after the passage of this act."

Fourth line from end of section 23 of enrolled bill, after the word "same," insert a comma instead of a period and add the following independent paragraph: "provided, however, that the license tax to be paid by each of the above described persons, partnerships, companies or corporations for the license year commencing May 1, 1915, and ending April 30, 1916, shall be based upon the gross amount of all premiums, assessments, dues and fees collected, received or derived, or obligations taken therefor, from business in this State during the

year beginning January 1, 1914, and ending December 31, 1914, both dates inclusive, without any deduction for dividends paid, or deduction on any other account, except for premiums paid for reinsurance upon business in this State in companies duly authorized to do business in this State, which State license tax shall be paid into the State treasury on or before the 1st day of April, 1915."

And the question being whether the motion to amend shall be agreed to, and whether the House shall amend the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 51; nays, 14.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Fuller, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Kent, Kinsey, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—51.

NAYS—Messrs. Chalkley, Dalton, Easley, Ferebee, Gregory, Harrison, Hughes, Land, Leedy, Massie, Meetze, Nelson, Page, Harry B. Smith—14.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the House amended the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor; which motion was rejected.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Governor, which was lodged with the Clerk of the House in the recess thereof, on February 19, 1915:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,  
RICHMOND, February 19, 1915.

*To the House of Delegates:*

Exercising the prerogative vested in the Executive, under section 76 of the Constitution, I herewith return House bill No. 27, with the suggestion that it be amended.

This bill was intended to relieve the assets of insolvent banks in process of settlement, where the said assets are to be divided among the depositors, from payment of taxes imposed on the capital, surplus and undivided profits of banking institutions. This seems to be entirely fair, inasmuch as the depositors as such have no interest in profits that may accrue from a bank's business, and therefore should not be required to pay a tax intended, in part at least, as a charge for the privilege of doing a business which has in such a case ceased to exist. While this measure was devised to extend the relief indicated, it nevertheless clearly contemplates the payment of a tax on the funds equivalent to that which would be paid on deposits in a going concern.

But the bill is defective in that it is usually impossible for the depositor in a defunct bank to learn what his final returns will be, and therefore he cannot give in the value of his deposit for taxation. I would recommend, therefore, that the bill be amended so as to provide that as of the first day of February of each year the parties having control of the assets make report of the total amounts in their hands, and be required to pay thereon the tax imposed by law on money on deposit.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. C. STUART, Governor.



THE SPEAKER laid the bill, No. 27, House bill to amend and re-enact section 17, in reference to the tax on banks and trust and security companies, of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, before the House, together with the recommendations of the Governor for its amendment, and the House proceeded to reconsider the bill and the recommendations of the Governor for its amendment.

MR. WHITE moved to amend the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor as follows:

On page 2, in line 11 from the bottom of the enrolled bill, after the word "thereon," strike out the following words: "except that the depositor shall be required to give in his deposit at its actual value for taxation according to law," and in lieu thereof insert the following language: "as such capital. Returns of such assets as of February 1st of each year shall be made up by those having actual custody or control thereof as the same is held, and the commissioner of the revenue shall assess the tax thereon against those holding said funds at the rate provided for the taxation of money, and said assessment shall, as to said funds, be in lieu of all taxes against those beneficially interested therein."

And the question being whether the motion to amend shall be agreed to and whether the House shall amend the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 65; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Easley, Ferebee, Gordon, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pennington, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—65.

NAY—Mr. Montague—1.

MR. WHITE moved to reconsider the vote by which the House amended the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor; which was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. RISON, who informed the House that the Senate had passed the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That

leave is hereby granted for the introduction of a bill to enable certain Confederate veterans of Virginia to attend the reunion of Confederate veterans in the city of Richmond in the month of June, 1915.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, of Forest Hill.

On motion of MR. SPATIG, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal, as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, March 8, 1915.*

The Senate have passed Senate bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 450, 451, 456, 458, 462, 464, 466, 468, 471, 486, 487, 489, 491, 494, 496, 497, 498, 503, 504, 511, 520, 527, 548, 550, 553, 555, 556, 561 and 578 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, and to repeal sections 465, 502, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521 and 544 of the same chapter of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, said chapter 24 having relation to the assessment of taxes on persons and property, license, and so forth, No. 93; an act to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to repeal act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, approved February 18, 1915, No. 94; an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of reports

of purchases by merchants and the review of the annual returns and assessments of intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act and to repeal an act entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, approved February 16, 1915, No. 95; an act to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes, approved February 16, 1915, No. 96; an act to amend and re-enact section 1043 of chapter 44 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended, No. 97; an act to amend and re-enact section 833 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended by an act approved March 11, 1908, and other acts in relation to the powers and duties of the board of supervisors at annual meetings, by changing the body of said section, and by an amendment in addition to the new section designated as section 833-a, which shall prescribe the powers and duties of boards of supervisors in relation to county and school levies, approved March 11, 1908, as further amended by an act approved March 28, 1914, No. 98; an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the segregation of the tax upon rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation and to provide for the assessment of said rolling stock, approved February 16, 1915, No. 101; and an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Washington, in the county of Rap-



pahannock, approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved February 28, 1898, by adding thereto an additional section, to be known as section 16, No. 103.

They have amended, in accordance with the recommendation of the Governor, Senate bill entitled an act relating to contracts for text-books adopted for use in the public free schools of the Commonwealth, No. 56.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

Nos. 93, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 101, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Nos. 98 and 103, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following Senate joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That leave is hereby granted for the introduction of a bill to enable certain Confederate veterans of Virginia to attend the reunion of Confederate veterans in the city of Richmond in the month of June, 1915; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. STUBBS inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the joint resolution.

MR. GREGORY offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That permission be, and the same is, hereby given for the introduction and consideration of the following bills:

A bill to amend and re-enact section 2079 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in regard to unlawful hunting, so as to permit the killing of turkey buzzard and black buzzard.

A bill to authorize Cumberland county, from time to time, as necessary, to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, in addition to the amount of twenty thousand dollars mentioned in the act approved March 25, 1914, pages 507 and 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia 1914, for the purpose of uniting in the building of roads in the said county of Cumberland upon the State-aid plan.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 10, 1915, entitled a bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purposes named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

A bill authorizing the common council of the city of Winchester, Virginia, to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and issue the bonds of the city of Winchester therefor.

A bill to authorize the mayor and council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, installing and maintaining a system of water-works, a sewerage system and electric light and power system in said city of Williamsburg, and to provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State Hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water, and connection with the water and sewerage systems of said Eastern State Hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors of the college of William and Mary in Virginia to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for light and power, and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said The College of William and Mary in Virginia.

A bill to appropriate three thousand five hundred and eighty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents, the unexpended balance of an appropriation heretofore made to the Virginia Home for Girls, for the fiscal year ending February 28, 1915, and to authorize the expenditure of the balance, as well as a portion of the amount appropriated to said institution for the fiscal year ending February 29, 1916, for the purpose of adding additions to the present buildings, or erecting new buildings, or for the purpose of renting or of purchasing additional lands with improvements thereon.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902.

A bill to authorize the city of Norfolk to issue bonds to refund certain certificates of debt.

A bill to provide for the filling of vacancies in Spotsylvania county offices.

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Stafford county to issue bonds to raise the funds necessary to pay off certain bonds issued in 1886, known as Falmouth bridge bonds.

A bill ratifying the proceedings authorizing an issue of bonds by Lunenburg county for road improvement in Rehoboth magisterial district.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 16, 1910, en-

titled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Rocky Mount to contribute from the revenues of the town to the support and maintenance of a graded school in Rocky Mount school district, approved February 16, 1901.

A bill to require the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania county to let the printing of the receipts and disbursements of taxes, levies, tolls, etc., and other printing and newspaper work to the lowest bidder.

A bill to authorize the school board of Tanners creek magisterial district No. 6, of the county of Norfolk, to borrow money for the purpose of school improvements in said district and to issue bonds therefor not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in amount.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax county and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

A bill to authorize Northampton county to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining the public roads of Eastville magisterial district in said county.

A bill to empower the board of supervisors of Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. GREGORY carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37.

To the Committee on Finance:

By MESSRS. KENT and OWEN: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to extend the time for collecting taxes accounted for by the city and county treasurers and not returned delinquent, approved March 24, 1914.

By MR. WEAVER of Warren: A bill to declare certain cities to be parts of the 8th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 23d judicial circuits for certain purposes.

To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MR. GREGORY: A bill providing for the expenses of the members of the General Assembly in attending the extended session beginning on March 8, 1915.

On motion of MR. MASSIE, indefinite leave of absence was granted MR. HARVEY.



The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House No. 56, Senate bill, relating to contracts for text-books adopted for use in the public free schools of the Commonwealth; together with the recommendations of the Governor for its amendment as follows:

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,

RICHMOND, February 19, 1915.

*To the Senate:*

I herewith return to your honorable body Senate bill No. 56, with my recommendation for an amendment, which I deem important as a matter of public policy.

The bill is intended to safeguard the interests of the State in the matter of contracts for text-books in the public schools. An amendment was added, forming section 8½ of the bill, which reads as follows:

"All meetings of the State Board of Education shall be open to the public, and a recorded vote shall be taken on all questions relating to the adoption of, and contracts for, text-books for use in the public schools of the Commonwealth."

I heartily agree with the general policy of publicity in all the activities of government. But it may be readily seen that in discussing dealings between the Commonwealth and publishers, the Board would be placed in a position of distinct disadvantage should all its plans be known to those with whom it deals. It is much as though the directors of a business house should invite to their councils representatives of all persons with whom they have business relations.

The author of the section referred to gives cordial assent to an amendment in lieu thereof, which should provide simply that all votes be taken in open session, and be recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART, *Governor*.

And the House proceeded to reconsider the bill and the recommendations of the Governor for its amendment.

MR. WHITE moved that the amendment proposed by the Senate as follows: Strike out all of section 8½ and insert in lieu thereof the following: "8½. All votes of the State Board of Education upon questions relating to the adoption of, and contracts for, text-books for use in the public schools shall be taken in open session and shall be recorded," amending the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor, be concurred in. And the question being whether the motion to amend shall be agreed to and whether the House shall thus amend the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 74; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, John-

son, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—74.

MR. WHITE moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendment amending the bill in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor; which motion was rejected.

No. 71. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds shall consist of, approved March 25, 1914; came up.

MR. MILLER moved severally to amend as follows: Page 2, line 16, strike out "a" and insert "the"; page 2, line 18, strike out, beginning with "regardless," down to and including "levied," in line 20, and insert "which has been levied for school purposes shall"; page 3, line 38, insert the word "tangible" before the word "personal," and the word "tangible" before the word "personal" in line 42; which were severally agreed to.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows: Page 4, line 71, strike out "shall" and insert "may"; which was agreed to.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 46; nays, 35.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Pennington, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—46.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Bonifant, Branscomb, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crockett, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Harrison, Hughes, Kent, Land, Leedy, Looney, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, H. C. Weaver—35.

MR. KENT entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected.

No. 103. House bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 and until

otherwise provided by law, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, and to repeal an act entitled an act to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, approved February 16, 1915; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bills having been dispensed with, MR. REED moved severally to amend the bill as follows:

Strike out from the title all the words after the word "Virginia," on line 2, and insert in lieu thereof the words "all insurance taxes and licenses on insurance companies and all taxable intangible personal property, rolling stock of all corporations operating railroads by steam."

Strike out all of the words on page 1, beginning with the word "whereas," down to section 1.

On page 3, section 1, line 33, strike out the word "taxable" and all words following down to the word "insurance," on line 54, page 4.

On page 4, line 57, strike out the word "and," and all words down to the word "provided," line 60.

On page 4, line 63, strike out word "thirty," and insert in lieu thereof the words "forty-five."

On page 4, line 71, strike out the word "thirty," and insert in lieu thereof the words "forty-five."

On page 5, line 84, strike out the word "thirty," and insert in lieu thereof the words "forty-five."

Strike out sections 2 and 2-a, page 5.

Strike out section 2-b, page 6.

Which motions were severally rejected.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question, being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 57; nays, 30.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Pennington, Powell, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.



NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Green, Gunn, Harrison, Hughes, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Norris, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Harry B. Smith—30.

MR. NORRIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved to amend by striking out the lines 125 to 127, inclusive, being the emergency act; which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas 58; nays, 29.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powell, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—58.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Hughes, Leedy, Lewis, Meetze, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Woodward—29.

No. 104. House bill to amend sections 603, 604 and 613 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 70; nays, 16.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—70.

NAYS—Messrs. Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Hughes, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Page, Pitts, Radford, Harry B. Smith—16.

No. 106. House bill to repeal an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to provide for

the examination of the books of land assessors by the clerk of the court, assessors assisting in examination, how errors corrected, compensation to clerks; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 81; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—81.

No. 107. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 11 and 12 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the act approved March 12, 1904, relating to the establishment, proper construction and permanent improvement of the public roads and landings, for building and keeping in good order and repair all roads, bridges, causeways and wharves, and so forth, approved March 17, 1906, and as approved March 13, 1908; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 62; nays, 24.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Powell, Price, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—62.

NAYS—Messrs. Bonifant, Branscomb, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Green, Gunn, Hughes, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Philpott, Radford, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, H. C. Weaver—24.

MR. PHILPOTT moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was agreed to.

MR. STUBBS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

MR. STUBBS moved to amend the bill by striking out lines 38 to 40, inclusive, being the emergency clause; which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 57; nays, 18.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.

NAYS—Messrs. Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Gregory, Gunn, Leedy, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Nelson, Page, Harry B. Smith, Woodward—18.

No. 108. House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State, approved March 13, 1912; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, Mr. Cox moved to amend the bill by striking out lines 42 to 44, inclusive, being the emergency clause; which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 67; nays, 14.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—67.

NAYS—Messrs. Chalkley, Dalton, Easley, Ferebee, Gun, Leedy, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Nelson, Page, Robertson, Harry B. Smith—14.

No. 109. House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for the permanent road or bridge improvements in the counties of the State, approved February 25, 1910; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, MR. STUBBS moved to amend by striking out lines 39 to 41, inclusive, being the emergency act; which was agreed to.



The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 64; nays, 18.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—64.

NAYS—Messrs. Browning, Chalkley, Dalton, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Green, Gunn, Leedy, Meetze, Montague, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pitts, Radford, Robertson, Harry B. Smith—18.

No. 110. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 444 and 445 of the Code of Virginia; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, Mr. POWELL moved to amend as follows: Page 4, line 66, after the word “thereby,” add “by giving five days’ notice to the property owner or person in”; which was rejected.

Mr. POWELL moved to amend line 4, after “giving,” insert “five days”; which was agreed to.

Mr. POWELL moved to amend as follows: Page 4, line 57, prefix “a majority of” before the word “the,” so that it will read “a majority of the local board of review of assessments may,” etc.; which was rejected.

Mr. REED moved to amend as follows: On page 4, line 57, after the word “assessments,” insert the words “a board of supervisors, or any member or members of such board, a council of any city or town, or any member or members thereof”; which was rejected.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 74; nays, 4.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—74.

NAYS—Messrs. Browning, Dalton, Hughes, Lewis—4.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 103,

104, 106, 107, 108, 109 and 110, House bills, were passed, were rejected.

No. 44. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to require all water companies, heat, light and power companies and gas companies to pay a franchise tax, a property tax, and to furnish certain reports to the State Corporation Commission, approved February 26, 1910, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, and to designate said bill as section 28½ of the tax bill when so amended and re-enacted: was, on motion of MR. WILLIS, recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 111. House bill to amend and re-enact section 139 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide for a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 13, 1912, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 24, 1914; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 61; nays, ~~none~~.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Land, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—61.

No. 112. House bill providing mileage to the members, clerks, officers and pages of the General Assembly for attending the reconvening of the General Assembly on March 8, 1915; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 55; nays, 2.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Land, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Page, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—55.

NAYS—Messrs. Oliver and Walton—2.

No. 113. House bill to fix the situs for taxation of the rolling stock of electric railway corporations and provide for the assessment thereof; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, MR. MILSTEAD moved severally to amend as follows: Page 2, line 26, after the word "councils," insert the following, "or any other governing board"; line 36, after "councils," insert the words "or any other governing board"; which were severally agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 67; nays, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—67.

NAY—Mr. Willis—1.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 111, 112 and 113, House bills, were passed, were rejected.

No. 114. House bill to permit circuit courts of counties or the judges thereof in vacation, the corporation or hustings courts of cities (or the circuit courts of cities not having corporation or hustings courts) or the judges thereof in vacation to extend the regular annual session of the local boards of review and to provide compensation for the members of the local boards of review and their clerks; came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, MR. OLIVER moved to amend the bill by striking out lines 21 to 23, inclusive, being the emergency clause; which was agreed to.



The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 43; nays, 28.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Land, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Owen, Page, Pitts, Spatig, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—43.

NAYS—Messrs. Bonifant, Branscomb, Cawthorn, Commins, Crockett, Earman, Flanagan, Gordon, Huff, Johnson, Looney, Love, Meetze, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Walton—28.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to pass by the motion to reconsider; which was agreed to.

The morning hour being resumed, a communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, March 9, 1915.*

They have agreed to House amendments to Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds, No. 70.

They have concurred in amendments proposed by the House of Delegates amending, in accordance with the recommendations of the Governor, House bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 17, in reference to tax on banks and trust and security companies, of an act approved January 30, 1912, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 75 to 147, inclusive, of an act approved April 16, 1903, entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, No. 27; and an act to amend and re-enact sections 23, 24 and 26 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, No. 33.

They have passed Senate bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 47 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as au-

thorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, No. 100; an act authorizing the boards of supervisors of counties and councils of cities and towns to adopt the classification of the several subjects of taxation as the same are now or hereafter may be classified for the purposes of taxation by the State, and, in their discretion, to impose different rates upon one or more of such classes of property when levying taxes for their purposes, No. 102; an act to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled an act authorizing cities and towns to impose taxes for their purposes at the respective rates now authorized to each of them by laws, plus an additional rate of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of such property as they are not prohibited from taxing by general law and except upon property upon which a maximum rate for local purposes is fixed by a general law, approved the 18th day of February, 1915, so as to add an additional section thereto providing an emergency clause, No. 106; an act to authorize the city of Norfolk to issue bonds to refund certain certificates of debt, No. 107; an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 15, 1915, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in reference to the compensation of land assessors and assistant assessors, No. 110; and an act to amend and re-enact section 63 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, No. 111.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

Nos. 100, 110 and 111, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Nos. 102, 106 and 107, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. EARLY, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the following joint resolution:

Whereas a vacancy exists in the commission created by the joint resolution of the General Assembly entitled a joint resolution to provide for adjusting with the State of Virginia the proportion of the debt of the original State of Virginia proper to be borne by West Virginia, for the application of whatever may be received from West Virginia to the payment of those found entitled to the same, approved March 6, 1894, by reason of the death during the present session of this General Assembly of the Hon. John B. Moon, formerly chairman of the Finance Committee of the House of Delegates of Virginia, and

there is no specific mode prescribed in said resolution for filling said vacancy; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That the vacancy so occasioned be filled by the election by the House of Delegates of Virginia of one of the members of that body to the position so made vacant by the death of the Hon. John B. Moon.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the resolution was agreed to.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to; which was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. LESNER, who informed the House that the Senate had passed the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That permission be, and the same is, hereby given for the introduction and consideration of the following bills:

A bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902.

A bill to authorize the city of Norfolk to issue bonds to refund certain certificates of debt.

In which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution before the House.

On motion of MR. WOODWARD, the resolution was agreed to.

The hour of 6 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

## NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 82. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903. and acts amendatory thereof; having been printed, was, on motion of MR. PENNINGTON, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. PENNINGTON moved severally to amend as follows: Page 3.



section 18, line 4, strike out "thirty-five cents" and insert in lieu thereof "fifteen cents"; page 3, section 18, line 9, strike out "one dollar" and insert in lieu thereof "eighty cents"; page 4, section 18, line 26, strike out "thirty cents" and insert in lieu thereof "fifty cents"; page 4, section 18, line 27, strike out all after the word "thereof," in line 27, down to and including the word "thereof," in line 31; which were severally agreed to.

MR. BREWER moved to amend as follows: Page 4, line 24, strike out the words "of the second class"; which was agreed to.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to amend by striking out section 2, being the emergency clause; which was agreed to.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows: Page 4, line 11, strike out "on or before the first day of September following in each year," and insert the word "forthwith"; which was agreed to.

MR. STEARNES moved to amend as follows: On page 4, line 27, after the words "value thereof" add the following: "provided, however, the rate of taxation levied for all purposes upon said bank stock in any year shall not exceed the total rate of taxation levied upon the real estate and tangible personal property of said cities or incorporated towns"; which was rejected.

MR. POWELL moved to amend as follows: Line 25, after the word "towns," add the words "and counties," so that the sentence will read as follows: "except that cities, incorporated towns and counties may assess an additional tax upon the said stock at a rate not exceeding thirty cents on every one hundred dollars' value thereof"; which was rejected.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend as follows: Page 3, lines 31 and 32, after "corporation," add "also any county, district or municipal bonds which such bank may own"; which was rejected.

MR. JOHNSON moved severally to amend as follows: Page 3, line 4, section 18, strike out "fifteen cents"; page 4, line 26, section 18, strike out "fifty cents" and insert "twenty cents"; which were severally rejected.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend page 4, section 18, line 26-k, as previously amended, by striking out "fifty cents" and inserting in lieu thereof "thirty-five cents"; which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, MR. MONTAGUE moved to dispense with the further reading of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 62; nays, 11.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel,

Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—62.

NAYS—Messrs. Brewer, Chapman, Commins, Gregory, Kinsey, Oliver, Powers, Rolston, Spessard, Stearnes, Walton—11.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 63; nays, 15.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Flanagan, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward—63.

NAYS—Messrs. Brewer, Chapman, Dalton, Field, Gordon, Gregory, Kinsey, Oliver, Powers, Reed, Rolston, Spessard, Stearnes, Taylor, Walton—15.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

No. 93. House bill to provide for the settlement, registration, transfer and assurance of titles to land, and to establish courts of land registration with jurisdiction for said purposes for the city of Richmond and counties of Henrico, Charlotte, Caroline, Fluvanna, Goochland, Appomattox, Surry, Prince George, Amelia, Nottoway, Albemarle, Campbell, Brunswick, Prince William, Chesterfield, Powhatan, Hanover, King William, King and Queen, Essex, Mecklenburg, Amherst, Dinwiddie, Wythe, Washington, Sussex, and the cities of Portsmouth and Danville; was, on motion of Mr. MYERS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

The bill was read at length a third time and passed—yeas, 54; nays, 16.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Browning, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, Dodson, Easley, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Land, Love, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Willis, Winston—54.

NAYS—Messrs. Brown, Chalkley, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Gregory, Kinsey, Leedy, Noland, Norris, Robertson, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, H. C. Weaver, Williams and Mr. Speaker—16.

MR. MYERS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

On motion of MR. HORNER, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, of Forest Hill.

On motion of MR. DANIEL of Loudoun the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Finance:

No. 44. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to license and regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animal power, along and over public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations and for the licensing of chauffeurs, and to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles, and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, along and over the public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules, approved March 17, 1910, and further to provide for licensing dealers and garages and for running motor vehicles for hire and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act.

No. 93. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 450, 451, 456, 458, 462, 464, 466, 468, 471, 486, 487, 489, 491, 494, 496, 497, 498, 503, 504, 511, 520, 527, 548, 550, 553, 555, 556, 561 and 578 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, and to repeal sections 465, 502, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521 and 544 of the same chapter of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, said chapter 24 having relation to the assessment of taxes on persons and property, licenses, &c.

No. 94. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an



act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, approved February 18, 1915.

No. 95. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of reports of purchases by merchants and the review of the annual returns and assessments of intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation, and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, approved February 16, 1915.

No. 96. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes, approved February 16, 1915.

No. 97. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1043 of chapter 44 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

No. 100. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 47 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903.

No. 101. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, and to provide for the assessment of said rolling stock, approved February 16, 1915.

No. 110. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act approved February 15, 1915, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in reference to the compensation of land assessors and assistant assessors.

No. 11. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 63 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 98. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 833 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended by an act approved March 11, 1908, and other acts in relation to the powers and duties of the board of supervisors at annual meetings, by changing the body of said section, and by an amendment in addition to the new section designated as section 833-a, which shall prescribe the powers and duties of boards of supervisors in relation to county and school levies, approved March 11, 1908, as further amended by an act approved March 28, 1914.

No. 102. Senate bill authorizing the boards of supervisors of counties and councils of cities and towns to adopt the classification of the several subjects of taxation as the same are now or hereafter may be classified for the purposes of taxation by the State, and, in their discretion, to impose different rates upon one or more of such classes of property when levying taxes for their purposes.

No. 103. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Washington, in the county of Rappahannock, approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved February 28, 1898, by adding thereto an additional section, to be known as section 16.

No. 106. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled an act authorizing cities and towns to impose taxes for their purposes at the respective rates now authorized to each of them by laws plus an additional rate of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of such property as they are not prohibited from taxing by general law, and except upon property upon which a maximum rate for local purposes is fixed by a general law approved the 18th day of February, 1915, so as to add an additional section thereto providing an emergency clause.

No. 107. Senate bill to authorize the city of Norfolk to issue bonds to refund certain certificates of debt.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Governor:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,

RICHMOND, March 10, 1915.

*To the General Assembly:*

I feel it my duty as Governor of Virginia to call the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that there have been up to date seven outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in this State, involving the immediate destruction of several hundred domestic animals as a means of preventing the spread of this disease. It is in my opinion no exaggeration to say that the State of Virginia is now threatened with one of the most stupendous and far-reaching calamities that could be imagined. It is a well ascertained fact that the germ of foot and mouth disease is almost, if not quite, indestructible. Once established in a country, the resulting damage becomes immeasurable and almost illimitable as to time. Accurate and trustworthy statistics support the very worst that has been said of the consequences of a spread of foot and mouth disease. Experience teaches that it must be treated by heroic measures and stamped out in its inception, rather than temporized or compromised with.

In view of the grave danger now overhanging the State and of the emergency now existing with respect to this matter, I am asking from the General Assembly an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars, to be expended by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board in conjunction with the Governor of the State, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to eradicate and control the said disease, and for the protection of the State against the further spread thereof.

The amount asked for may seem large, but it is really small in comparison with the appropriations of other States which have undertaken to prepare for a situation like ours, which may at any time develop into an emergency. It is economy to prepare for vigorous action all along the line wherever foot and mouth disease may make its first appearance. It is to be hoped that the situation may be successfully met with a very small expenditure, but considerations both of efficiency and economy demand a reasonable state of preparedness.

I am also asking an appropriation of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the better equipment of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, and to meet the expenses of said board in performing the duties assigned to it by law, including the salaries of such assistant veterinarians as the said board may employ, together with necessary clerical and other incidental expenses.

I feel it is unnecessary to urge upon the General Assembly the importance of this legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. STUART,  
Governor.



MR. STECK offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That consent be and the same is hereby given for the introduction and consideration of a bill to appropriate the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the prevention and eradication of the foot-and-mouth disease among the live stock of this State, and to confer upon the Governor, the chairman of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the State Veterinarian certain powers in relation thereto, and to appropriate the further sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of employing assistant veterinarians, and for other necessary expenses, in the protection of live stock in this State from infectious, contagious and communicable diseases, and to require a detailed report of the expenditure of said fund; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. STECK carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. SOWDER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to House joint resolution in regard to the introduction of certain bills, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

THE SPEAKER laid the resolution and amendments proposed by the Senate before the House.

The amendments proposed by the Senate as follows—

Add to House joint resolution the following:

A bill to amend and re-enact section 5 of the charter of the town of Falls Church, in the county of Fairfax, as heretofore amended.

A joint resolution governing the widening of Bank street, in the city of Richmond.

A bill to direct and require the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to advertise, issue and sell the bonds authorized by the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum, not to exceed \$250,000, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor secured by deed of trust or other liens on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, and to direct the Commonwealth's attorney of said county to use his best efforts to expedite the sale of said bonds, and providing for the removal of any official failing to comply with the requirements hereof.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 20 of an act approved January 30, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of South Boston, in the county of Halifax, fixing a maximum town levy and a maximum capitation tax for said county.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 11 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Bannister, in the county of Halifax, approved February 22, 1890.

A bill to validate certain coupon bonds issued by the town of South Boston under date of April 2, 1900, payable thirty-four years after their date, with interest at the rate of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, aggregating \$20,000, said bonds being forty in number and of the denomination of \$500 each.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act approved March 21, 1914, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 2, 1901, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Elba, Pittsylvania county, as amended by an act approved February 16, 1901.

A bill to restore to the funds heretofore appropriated for disbursement of the commissioners to promote uniformity of legislation in the United States, and to appropriate as a part thereof the sum of \$600 on account of lapsed appropriations for future expenses.

A bill declaring who shall be entitled to vote in any special election upon the question of the removal of a courthouse.

A bill to authorize and empower the magisterial districts of Cumberland county to levy a license tax on all vehicles used and operated in said districts, for the purpose of raising revenue for the construction and improvement and maintenance of the public highways and bridges of said districts in said county.

A bill to amend the road law of Pulaski county.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 1494 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the ages of persons admitted as pupils to the public free schools of the Commonwealth.

A bill to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to help defray the expenses of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion as escort to the Governor of Virginia on Virginia Day at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, Cal.

A bill to amend the law with reference to a bond issue for the public schools for Jerusalem magisterial district in Southampton county.

A bill to provide for the drainage of public highways in Accomac county.

A bill to validate the recordation of memoranda of sales or contracts for the sale of goods and chattels wherein the title thereto, or a lien thereon, is reserved or the transfer of title is made to depend on any condition and possession is delivered to the vendee.

Provided that the bills which under the joint resolution agreed to February 11, 1915, were entitled to the exclusive consideration of the General Assembly, shall, notwithstanding this resolution, be entitled at the least to precedence in both houses.

On motion of MR. GREGORY, the amendments proposed by the Senate were agreed to.

MR. NORRIS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly shall proceed at 12:30 P. M. today to the election of a judge for the twelfth judicial circuit, and that in the execution of the joint order nominations shall be made and each house notified thereof, when the roll shall be called, and the presiding officer of each house shall appoint a committee of two, which together shall constitute a joint committee to count the joint vote in each case and report the result to their respective houses; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. NORRIS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WALKER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

The hour of 12:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived—

Ordered that MR. NORRIS inform the Senate that the House was ready on its part to proceed with the execution of the joint order.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. SAUNDERS, who informed the House that the Senate was ready on its part to proceed to the execution of the joint order.

MR. BROWN nominated Joseph W. Chinn for judge of the twelfth judicial circuit.

Ordered that MR. BROWN inform the Senate that the only name before the House for judge of the twelfth judicial circuit is that of Joseph W. Chinn.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. SAUNDERS, who informed the House that no additional name had been added in the Senate to that in nomination in the House.

The roll was called with the following result:

For Joseph W. Chinn..... 84

The vote was recorded as follows:

MR. CHINN—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis



W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrill, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—84.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. BROWN and NORRIS the committee on the part of the House to count and report the joint vote.

The committee subsequently reported as follows:

Whole number of vote cast.....	119
Necessary to a choice.....	60
Joseph W. Chinn received.....	119

Joseph W. Chinn having received all the votes cast, was declared by THE SPEAKER duly elected judge of the twelfth judicial circuit for the unexpired term caused by the death of Judge Thomas E. Blakey.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MESSRS. WOODWARD and COUSINS: A bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902.

By MR. DUKE: A bill to authorize the school board of Tanners Creek magisterial district No. 6 of the county of Norfolk, to borrow money for the purpose of school improvements in said district, and to issue bonds therefor not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in amount.

By MR. JORDAN: A bill to add an independent section to an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads in Pulaski county, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, so as to provide for the rehearing of a petition for the sale of bonds for the purpose of building and improving the roads or bridges of any district in said county.

By MR. POWELL: A bill to provide for filling of vacancies in Spotsylvania county offices.

By MR. POWELL: A bill to require the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania county to let the printing of the receipts and disbursements of taxes, levies, tolls, etc., and other printing and newspaper work to the lowest bidder.

By MR. HEFLIN: A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Stafford county to issue bonds to raise the funds necessary to pay off certain bonds issued in 1886, known as Falmouth bridge bonds.

By MR. LOVE: A bill ratifying the proceedings authorizing an issue of bonds by Lunenburg county for road improvement in Rehoboth magisterial district.

By MR. KINSEY: A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Rocky Mount to contribute from the revenues of the town to the support and maintenance of the graded school in Rocky Mount school district, approved February 16, 1901.

By MR. TERRELL: A bill to authorize Cumberland county, from time to time, as necessary, to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding \$25,000, in addition to the amount of \$20,000 mentioned in the act approved March 25, 1914, pages 507 and 508, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1914, for the purpose of uniting in the building of roads in the said county of Cumberland upon the State aid plan.

By MR. STECK: A bill authorizing the common council of the city of Winchester, Virginia, to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and issue the bonds of the city of Winchester therefor.

By MR. HORNER: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the school board of Jerusalem magisterial district, Southampton county, Virginia, to borrow money for the purpose of paying off school indebtedness in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding \$12,000 in amount, approved March 7, 1912.

By MR. DUKE: A bill to direct and require the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to advertise, to issue and sell the bonds authorized by the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to exceed \$250,000, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the fund so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915, and to direct the Commonwealth's attorney of said county to use his best efforts to expedite the sale of said bonds, and providing for the removal of any official failing to comply with the requirements hereof.

By MR. TERRELL: A bill to authorize and empower the several magisterial districts of Cumberland county to levy a license tax on all vehicles used or operated in said districts, for the purpose of raising revenue for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the public highways and bridges of said districts in said county.

By MR. MALBON: A bill to empower the board of supervisors of Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county.

By MR. ROBERTSON (by request): A bill to authorize Northampton county to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining the public roads of Eastville magisterial district, said county.

By MR. OLIVER: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax county, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

By MR. NELSON: A bill to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 10, 1915, entitled a bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, providing that the question of such bond issue, for the purposes named, be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

By MR. GREGORY: A bill to authorize the mayor and council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, installing and maintaining a system of water works, a sewerage system, and an electric light and power system in said city of Williamsburg, and to provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city, and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water and connection with the water and sewerage systems of said Eastern State hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for light and power and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

By MR. LEEDY: A bill to appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to help defray the expenses of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues battalion as escort to the Governor of Virginia on Virginia Day at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, California.

By MESSRS. OWEN and KENT: A bill to validate certain coupon bonds issued by the town of South Boston, under date of April 2, 1900, payable thirty-four years after their date, with interest at the rate of



4½ per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, aggregating \$20,000, said bonds being forty in number and of the denomination of \$500 each.

By MESSRS. OWEN and KENT: A bill to amend and re-enact section 20 of an act approved January 30, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of South Boston, in the county of Halifax, fixing a maximum town levy and a maximum capitation tax for the said town.

By MESSRS. OWEN and KENT: A bill to amend and re-enact section 11 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Bannister, in the county of Halifax, approved February 22, 1890.

To the Committee on Schools and Colleges:

By MR. GUNN: A bill to amend and re-enact section 1494 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the ages of persons admitted as pupils to the public free schools of the Commonwealth.

To the Committee on Appropriations:

By MR. STECK: A bill to appropriate the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the prevention and eradication of the foot-and-mouth disease among the live stock of this State, and to confer upon the Governor, the chairman of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the State Veterinarian certain powers in relation thereto, and to appropriate the further sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of employing assistant veterinarians and for other necessary expenses in the protection of live stock in this State from infectious, contagious and communicable diseases, and to require a detailed report of the expenditure of said funds.

To the Committee on Agriculture and Mining:

By MR. LEWIS: A bill to amend and re-enact section 2079 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in regard to unlawful hunting, so as to permit the killing of turkey buzzard and black buzzard.

To the Committee on Privileges and Elections:

By MR. LOVE: A bill declaring who shall be entitled to vote in any special election upon the question of the removal of a courthouse.

To the Committee on Retrenchment and Economy:

By MR. POWELL: Resolution to provide for the appointment of a committee of three members to examine into the business methods of the various State institutions and departments of the State government, and make recommendations, with their reasons therefor, to the

next General Assembly, as to what offices could be abolished and what more economic methods put in practice than those now employed.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the Calendar.

No. 44, Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to license and regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animal power, along and over public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations, and for the licensing of chauffeurs, and to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, along and over the public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe for the violation of said rules, approved March 17, 1910, and further to provide for licensing dealers and garages and for running motor vehicles for hire and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act; was read at length a first time.

No. 93, Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 450, 451, 456, 458, 462, 464, 466, 468, 471, 486, 487, 489, 491, 494, 496, 497, 498, 503, 504, 511, 520, 527, 548, 550, 553, 555, 556, 561 and 578 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, and to repeal sections 465, 502, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521 and 544 of the same chapter of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, said chapter 24 having relation to the assessment of taxes on persons and property, licenses, &c.; was, on motion of MR. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. BROWNING moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 75; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Flanagan, Fuller, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Jordan, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—75.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to amend as follows: Page 7, line 11, after

the word "magisterial," add the words "or school," which was agreed to.

The amendment being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, 6.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Ferebee, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Taffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

NAYS—Messrs. Chalkley, Dalton, Easley, Gunn, Meetze, Philpott—6.

MR. NELSON stated that he would have voted in the negative but that he was paired with MR. PENNINGTON.

No. 94, Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, approved February 18, 1915; was, on motion of MR. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the callendar.

MR. BROWNING moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 75; nays, 6.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—75.

NAYS—Messrs. Dalton, Easley, Gunn, Hughes, Meetze, Philpott—6.



The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 70; nays, 12.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Commins, Cousins, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Owen, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—70.

NAYS—Messrs. Hawthorn, Chalkley, Dalton, Easley, Gunn, Hughes, Masie, Meetze, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Robertson—12.

MR. NELSON stated that he would have voted in the negative but that he was paired with MR. PENNINGTON.

No. 95. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of reports of purchases by merchants and the review of the annual returns and assessments of intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation, and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, approved February 16, 1915; was, on motion of MR. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. BROWNING moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 71; nays, 5.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Philpott, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig,

Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Speaker—71.

NAYS—Messrs. Dalton, Easley, Meetze, Oliver, Powell—5.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: Page 8, line 49, after the word "review," insert the words "board of supervisors, city or town council or any member or members of said board of supervisors or council or any governing board"; which was agreed to.

MR. SMITH of *King and Queen* moved to amend as follows: Page 5, line 32, strike out "two" and insert "four"; which was rejected.

MR. OLIVER moved to amend as follows: Page 8, line 51, after the word "city," insert the words "or to the circuit court of any city which has no other court of record"; which was agreed to.

MR. POWELL moved to amend as follows: Page 4, section 6, line 3, strike out the words "judge of the circuit court of each county and the judge of the corporation or hustings court of each city," and insert in lieu thereof the words "board of supervisors or council or any other governing board of a city"; which was rejected—yeas, 23; nays, 62.

On motion of MR. OLIVER, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Branscomb, Cawthorn, Commins, Dalton, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Gordon, Harrison, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Massie, Meetze, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Stephenson, Walton, H. C. Weaver—23.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heffin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Owen, Page, Pitts, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—62.

MR. OLIVER moved to amend as follows: Page 4, section 6, line 4, after the word "city," insert the words "and the judge of the circuit court of each city which has no other court of record;" which was agreed to.

MR. BONIFANT moved to amend as follows: Page 8, line 56, strike out period and add comma, and add "and shall receive a compensation of \$4 per day;" which was rejected.

Pending the further consideration of the bill, the hour of 1:30 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The consideration of No. 95, Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation, and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of reports of purchases by merchants and the review of the annual returns and assessments of intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, approved February 16, 1915, was resumed.

MR. ROBERTSON moved to amend as follows: Line 3, section 6, after the word "the," strike out the remainder of line 3 and 4 and down to the word "appoint," in line 5, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Governor shall;" which was rejected.

MR. OLIVER moved to amend as follows: On page 8, in section 6, line 56, after the word "board," strike out the period and add the following words: "And for his services shall receive a reasonable compensation, to be fixed by the court, one-half thereof to be paid by the State and the other one-half thereof to be paid by the county or city;" which was rejected.

MR. BONIFANT moved to amend as follows: Page 8, line 56, strike out period and insert comma and add, "and provided that in all cases of court trial in which the attorney for the Commonwealth shall appear under the provisions of this bill he shall be paid a fee of \$5 in each case, to be paid by the county in which the case arises;" which was rejected.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 66; nays, 10.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Love, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Owen, Page, Philpott, Radford, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiff-



any, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—66.

NAYS—Messrs. Browning, Cawthorn, Dalton, Gordon, Meetze, Oliver, Pitts, Powers, Reed, Walton—10.

No. 96, Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes, approved February 16, 1915, was, on motion of Mr. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CALKLEY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 77; nays, 2.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—77.

NAYS—Messrs. Gregory and Rew—2.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 74; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant,

Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—74.

No. 97. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1043 of chapter 44 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, was, on motion of MR. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Kent, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—68.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 67; nays, 2.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—67.

NAYS—Messrs. Chalkley and Meetze—2.

No. 98. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 833 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended by an act approved March 11, 1908, and other acts, in relation to the powers and duties of the board of supervisors at annual meetings, by changing the body of said section, and by an amendment in addition to the new section designated as section 833-a, which shall prescribe the powers and duties of boards of supervisors in relation to county and school levies, approved March 11, 1908, as further amended by an act approved March 28, 1914, was, on motion of MR. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the further readings of

the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 65; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Fuller, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Huff, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—65.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 60; nays, 8.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—60.

NAYS—Messrs. Cawthorn, Chalkley, Gunn, Meetze, Montague, Page, Pitts, Powell, Harry B. Smith—8.

MR. NELSON stated that he would have voted in the negative but that he was paired with MR. PENNINGTON.

No. 100, Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 47 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, was, on motion of MR. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill as required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 60; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Cousins, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Luke, Earman, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—60.



The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 62; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Grasty, Gunn, Hobson, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, White, Williams, Willis and Mr. Speaker—62.

NAY—Mr. Reed—1.

No. 101, Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, and to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation, and to provide for the assessment of said rolling stock, approved February 16, 1915, was, on motion of MR. STURBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution, which was agreed to—yeas, 61; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Kinsey, Land, Looney, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—61.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 64; nays, 8.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—64.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Chalkley, Dalton, Gunn, Lewis, Massie, Meetze, Pitts—8.

No. 102, Senate bill authorizing the boards of supervisors of

counties and councils of cities and towns to adopt the classification of the several subjects of taxation as the same are now or hereafter may be classified for the purposes of taxation by the State, and, in their discretion, to impose different rates upon one or more of such classes of property when levying taxes for their purposes, was, on motion of Mr. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution, which was agreed to—yeas, 57; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.

NAY—Mr. Massie—1.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 68; nays, 2.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Grant, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

NAYS—Messrs. Cawthorn and Dalton—2.

No. 103, Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Washington, in the county of Rappahannock, approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved February 28, 1898, by adding thereto an additional section, to be known as section 16, was, on motion of Mr. LEEDY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. LEEDY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 78; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris,

Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—78.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 82; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

No. 106, Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled an act authorizing cities and towns to impose taxes for their purposes at the respective rates now authorized to each of them by laws, plus an additional rate of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of such property as they are not prohibited from taxing by general law, and except upon property upon which a maximum rate for local purposes is fixed by a general law, approved the 18th day of February, 1915, so as to add an additional section thereto, providing an emergency clause, was, on motion of MR. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 72; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Grant, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—72.

The question being shall the bill pass was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 65; nay, 1.



The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Buck, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Grant, Harris, Heffin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—65.

NAY —Mr. Cawthorn—1.

No. 107, Senate bill to authorize the city of Norfolk to issue bonds to refund certain certificates of debt, was, on motion of Mr. WOODWARD, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WOODWARD moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 76; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—76.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 81; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—81.

No. 110, Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act approved February 15, 1915, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in refer-

ence to the compensation of land assessors and assistant assessors, was, on motion of MR. HOBSON, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. HOBSON moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution, which was agreed to—yeas, 65; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Love, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—65.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 57; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Grant, Grasty, Green, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 107 and 110, Senate bills, were passed, were rejected.

The morning hour being resumed, a communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, March 10, 1915.*

The Senate has passed House bill entitled an act to repeal an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to provide for the examination of the books of land assessors by the clerk of the court, assessor assisting in examination, how errors corrected, compensation to clerks, No. 106; an act to amend and re-enact sections 444 and 445 of the Code of Virginia, No. 110; an act to amend and re-enact section 139 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to

provide for a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 13, 1912, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 24, 1914, No. 111; an act providing mileage to the members, clerks, officers and pages of the General Assembly for attending the reconvening of the General Assembly on March 8, 1915, No. 112; and an act to fix the situs for taxation of the rolling stock of electric railway corporations, and provide for the assessment thereof, No. 113.

They have passed with amendments House bills entitled an act to segregate, for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance, for the year 1915, and until otherwise provided by law, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, and to repeal an act entitled an act to segregate, for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance, for the year 1915, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, approved February 16, 1915, No. 103; an act to amend and re-enact sections 11 and 12 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the act approved March 12, 1904, relating to the establishment, proper construction and permanent improvement of the public roads and landings, for building and keeping in good order and repair all roads, bridges, causeways and wharves, etc., approved March 17, 1906, and as approved March 13, 1908, No. 107; an act to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State, approved March 13, 1912, No. 108; an act to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for the permanent road or bridge improvements in the counties of the State, approved February 25, 1910, No. 109.

And they have passed Senate bills entitled an act to authorize Northampton county to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining the public roads of Eastville



magisterial district, in said county, No. 109; and an act to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902, No. 113.

In which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

Nos. 109 and 113, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Nos. 103, 107, 108 and 109, House bills, were, on motions severally made, placed on the calendar.

The hour of 6 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

### NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills were concurred in:

No. 103. House bill to segregate, for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subject State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance, for the year 1915, and until otherwise provided by law, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, and to repeal an act entitled an act to segregate, for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property, so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance, for the year 1915, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, approved February 16, 1915—yeas, 52; nays, 4.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Land, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Oliver, Price, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith,

Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—52.

NAYS—Messrs. Meetze, Page, Pitts, Reed—4.

No. 107. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 11 and 12 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the act approved March 12, 1904, relating to the establishment, proper construction and permanent improvement of the public roads and landings, for building and keeping in good order and repair all roads, bridges, causeways and wharves, etc., approved March 17, 1906, and as approved March 13, 1909—yeas, 57; nays, 3.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Land, Lewis, Love, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—57.

NAYS—Messrs. Chalkley, Meetze and Page—3.

MR. NELSON stated that he would have voted in the negative but that he was paired with MR. PENNINGTON.

No. 108. House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvements in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State, approved March 13, 1912—yeas, 56; nays, 4.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Land, Malbon, Miller, Milstead, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—56.

NAYS—Messrs. Chalkley, Dalton, Meetze, Page—4.

MR. NELSON stated that he would have voted in the negative but that he was paired with MR. PENNINGTON.

No. 109. House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvements in the counties of the State, approved February 25, 1910—yeas, 59; Nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel,

Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Malbon, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—59.

YAY—Mr. Meetze—1.

Motions to reconsider the votes by which the amendments proposed by the Senate to Nos. 103, 107, 108 and 109, House bills, were concurred in were rejected.

No. 111, Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 63 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, was, on motion of Mr. CHALKLEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 59; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Fuller, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—59.

The question being shall the bill pass was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 64; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Easley, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gunn, Harris, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—64.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

The motion of Mr. OLIVER to reconsider the vote by which No. 114, House bill, to permit circuit courts of counties, or the judges thereof in vacation, the corporation or hustings courts of cities (or the circuit courts of cities not having corporation or hustings



courts), or the judges thereof in vacation, to extend the regular annual session of the local boards of reviews and to provide compensation for the members of the local boards of review and their clerks, was rejected, was agreed to.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 47; nays, 22.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Birrell, Brewer, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Luke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Love, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Oliver, Philpott, Robertson, Rolston, Spessard, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—47.

NAYS—Messrs. Bonifant, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Commins, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Gordon, Gunn, Lewis, Malbon, Meetze, Montague, Page, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Winston—22.

MR. NELSON stated that he would have voted in the negative but that he was paired with MR. PENNINGTON.

MR. HEFLIN offered the following resolution:

Whereas the member from Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg, HON. S. P. POWELL, did this day, in response to the following question propounded by the HON. MARTIN WILLIAMS, the member from Giles, viz: "Do I understand that the judge of your circuit is so guilty of political corruption as to be now packing the electoral board of your county for the purpose of corrupting the elections?" make the following response: "That is exactly what I am saying;" and

Whereas as a member of this body, if he has any definite information upon which such charges are based, it is his duty to give to this House such information and to place his charge in such form as that action may be taken, for the purity of the judiciary and the good of the Commonwealth; therefore

Resolved, That the member from Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg be requested to formulate his charges in writing, and to give this body such, any and all information upon which his said charge was based; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1915.

Prayer by Rev. J. Lewis Gibbs, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, of Forest Hill.

On motion of Mr. KENT, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 109. Senate bill to authorize Northampton County to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining the public roads of Eastville magisterial district in the said county.

No. 113. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902.

No. 115. House bill to declare certain cities to be parts of the 8th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 23d judicial circuits for certain purposes, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance.

The following House bills having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Appropriations:

No. 116. House bill to appropriate the sum of \$60,000, or so much as may be necessary, for the prevention and eradication of the foot and mouth disease among the live stock of this State, and to confer upon the Governor, the chairman of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the State Veterinarian, certain powers in relation thereto, and to appropriate the further sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of employing assistant veterinarians and for other necessary expenses in the protection of live stock in this State from infections, contagious and communicable diseases, and to require a detailed report of the expenditure of said funds.

No. 117. House bill providing for the expenses of the members of the General Assembly in attending the extended session beginning on March 8, 1915.

No. 118. House bill to amend and re-enact section 2079 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in regard to unlawful

hunting so as to permit the killing of turkey buzzard and black buzzard, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Agriculture and Mining, with the recommendation that it do not pass.

No. 119, House bill to amend and re-enact section 1494 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the ages of persons admitted as pupils to the public free schools of the Commonwealth, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

No. 120, House bill declaring who shall be entitled to vote in any special election upon the question of the removal of a courthouse, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

A bill to direct and require the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to advertise, issue and sell the bonds authorized by the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum, not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915, and to direct the Commonwealth's attorney of said county to use his best efforts to expedite the sale of said bonds, and providing for the removal of any official failing to comply with the requirements hereof, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902, having been considered by the



Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to authorize the school board of Tanners Creek magisterial district, Number 6, of the county of Norfolk, to borrow money for the purpose of school improvements in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in amount, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to require the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania county to let the printing of the receipts and disbursements of taxes, levies, tolls, etc., and other printing and newspaper work to the lowest bidder, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings:

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Stafford county to issue bonds to raise the funds necessary to pay off certain bonds issued in 1886, known as Falmouth bridge bonds, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Rocky Mount to contribute from the revenues of the town to the support and maintenance of the graded school in Rocky Mount school district, approved February 16, 1901, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill authorizing the common council of the city of Winchester, Virginia, to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and issue the bonds of the city of Winchester therefor, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to authorize Cumberland county, from time to time, as necessary, to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, in addition to the amount of twenty thousand dollars mentioned in the act approved March 25, 1914, pages 507 and 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1914, for the purpose of uniting in the building of roads in the said county of Cumberland upon the State aid plan, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and

Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to authorize and empower the several magisterial districts of Cumberland county to levy a license tax on all vehicles used or operated in said districts, for the purpose of raising revenue for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the public highways and bridges of said districts in said county, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to empower the board of supervisors of Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to authorize Northampton county to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining the public roads of Eastville magisterial district in said county, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:



The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax County, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 10, 1915, entitled a bill to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purposes named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the votes thereof, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to authorize the mayor and council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue

bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, installing, and maintaining a system of water works, a sewerage system, and electric light and power system in said city of Williamsburg, and to provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city, and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water and connection with the water and sewerage systems of said Eastern State hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for light and power and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said the College of William and Mary in Virginia, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars to help defray the expenses of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues battalion as escort to the Governor of Virginia on Virginia Day at the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, California, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 11 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Bannister, in the county of Halifax, approved February 22, 1890, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact section 20 of an act approved January 30, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of South Boston, in the county of Halifax, fixing a maximum town levy and a maximum capitation tax for the said town, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to validate certain coupon bonds issued by the town of South Boston, under date of April 2, 1900, payable thirty-four years after their date, with interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, aggregating twenty thousand dollars, said bonds being forty in number and of the denomination of five hundred dollars each, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the school board of Jerusalem magisterial district, in Southampton county, Virginia, to borrow money for the purpose to pay off school indebtedness in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding \$12,000 in amount, approved March 7, 1912, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and



Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill ratifying the proceedings authorizing an issue of bonds by Lunenburg county for road improvement in Rehoboth magisterial district, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to provide for filling of vacancies in Spotsylvania county offices, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

A bill to add an independent section to an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads in Pulaski county, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, so as to provide for the rehearing of a petition for the sale of bonds for the purpose of building and improving the roads or bridges of any district in said county, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

MR. KENT offered the following resolution:

Whereas numerous bills are before the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, Roads and Internal Navigation and Appropriations, which, if they are to be passed at this session, must be brought before the House;

Therefore, resolved, That special leave is hereby given said committees to sit during the sitting of the House, as provided by Rule 22, for the purpose of considering such bills as should be returned to the House, and the said committees are requested to make their reports at the afternoon session of the House; which was agreed to.

MR. HUFF offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That consent be and the same is hereby given for the introduction and consideration of a bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds, and to build bridges and to macadamize roads in said county, etc., and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open, by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair roads and bridges of said county, approved March 7, 1900, and all acts amendatory thereof.

A bill to repeal section 24 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 7, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved April 2, 1902, entitled an act to provide a road law for Campbell county, approved March 5, 1900, providing and regulating a road board for said county and directing the disbursement of the county road fund, approved February 8, 1908, as heretofore amended, and adding thereto a new section (24) in lieu of the section hereby repealed.

A bill to appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$600.00, for the relief of needy Confederate women of Virginia who are not upon the State prison rolls and who are not inmates of any Confederate, independent, or church home or charitable institution; the relief of such needy Confederate women to be effected by the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia issuing his warrants upon the

State treasury to such beneficiary under this act, such beneficiary to be ascertained and determined by proof satisfactory to and furnished by a group of women known as the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

A bill to be entitled an act to compensate the families of prisoners from the earnings of such prisoners as are engaged in hard labor.

A bill for the relief of Henry Roach, of Charlotte County; and

A bill to authorize and empower John B. Earle, A. J. Bowen, Lee Sowers, W. B. Brown, M. C. Richardson, Jr., and their successors, to construct, maintain and operate a public ferry across the Shenandoah river at or near "Morgan's Ford," in Cedarville magisterial district of Warren County, Virginia; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. BRANSCOMB carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the House joint resolution, with the following amendments:

Add to the resolution the following:

A bill to appropriate the sum of \$1,200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of funds not otherwise appropriated, to provide for additional clerical and stenographic services in the office of the Attorney General.

A bill to repeal an act incorporating the town of Clinchport, in Scott county; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

The amendments were agreed to.

Ordered that MR. TERRELL inform the Senate that the House had agreed to the amendment proposed by the Senate.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House do now proceed to the election of a member of the commission for adjusting with the State of West Virginia the proportion of the public debt to be borne by West Virginia, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. John B. Moon, such election to be held in pursuance of Senate joint resolution agreed to March 9, 1915, as follows:

Whereas, a vacancy exists in the commission created by the joint resolution of the General Assembly, entitled a joint resolution to provide for adjusting with the State of Virginia the proportion of the debt of the original State of Virginia proper, to be borne by West Virginia, for the application of whatever may be received from West Virginia, to the payment of those found entitled to the same, approved March 6, 1894, by reason of the death during the present session of this General Assembly of the Hon. John B. Moon, formerly chairman of the Finance Committee of the House of Delegates of Virginia, and there is no specific mode prescribed in said resolution for filling said vacancy; therefore, be it



Resolved by the Senate (the House of Delegates concurring), That the vacancy so occasioned be filled by the election by the House of Delegates of Virginia of one of the members of that body to the position so made vacant by the death of the Hon. John B. Moon; which resolution was agreed to.

In pursuance of which, MR. STUBBS nominated D. H. PITTS, member from Albemarle county.

The roll was called, with the following result:—

For D. H. Pitts, 92.

The vote was recorded as follows:

FOR PITTS—MESSRS. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Buck, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—92.

Whole number of votes cast.....92

Necessary to a choice.....47

D. H. Pitts received.....92

D. H. PITTS having received all the votes cast, was declared by THE SPEAKER duly elected in pursuance of the resolution.

The following were presented and referred under Rule 37:

To the Committee on Asylums and Prisons:

By MR. BRANSCOMB: A bill to appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$600.00, for the relief of needy Confederate women of Virginia who are not upon the State pension rolls and who are not inmates of any Confederate, independent or church home, or charitable institution, the relief of such needy Confederate women to be effected by the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia issuing his warrants upon the State treasury to each beneficiary under this act, such beneficiary to be ascertained and determined by proof satisfactory to and furnished by a group of women known as the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

To the Committee on Asylums and Prisons:

By MR. GRANT (by request): A bill to be entitled an act to compensate the families of prisoners from the earnings of such prisoners as are engaged in hard labor.

To the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation:

By MR. ADAMS: A bill for the relief of Henry Roach, of Charlotte county.

By MESSRS. HUFF and BUCK: A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds, and to build bridges and to macadamize roads in said county, etc., and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, approved March 7, 1900, and all acts amendatory thereof.

By MR. NELSON: A bill to repeal section 24 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 7, 1908, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved April 2, 1902, entitled an act to provide a road law for Campbell county, approved March 5, 1900, providing and regulating a road board for said county and directing the disbursement of the county road fund, approved February 8, 1908, as heretofore amended, and adding thereto a new section (24) in lieu of the section hereby repealed.

By MR. WEAVER of Warren: A bill to authorize and empower John Earle, W. B. Brown, R. Lee Sowers, A. J. Brown and M. C. Richardson, Jr., their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a public ferry across the Shenandoah river at or near Morgan's ford, in Cedarville magisterial district, in the county of Warren, Virginia.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the title of said bill having been publicly read:

No. 112. House bill providing mileage to the members, clerks, officers and pages of the General Assembly for attending the reconvening of the General Assembly on March 8, 1915.

No. 11. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½a, 46½b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133,

134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 141 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, and authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, came up.

The readings of the bill having been dispensed with, MR. HORNER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the consideration of Senate bill No. 11, the following order be observed: 1st, that amendments proposed by committee be first considered in order in which printed on page 106; 2nd, all other amendments in order in which they reached clerk's desk; 3rd, that debate be limited to two minutes on each amendment, and five minutes on the main question, to each member; which was agreed to.

The amendment proposed by the Committee on Finance, as follows: Page 28, strike out title "Licenses to retailers of tobacco," and all of section 68 from line 1 to line 7, inclusive; was rejected.—yeas, 42; nays, 48.

On motion of MR. OLIVER, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Gordon, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Hughes, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Malbon, Meetze, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Rew, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver—42.

NAYS—Messrs. Birrell, Buck, Chalkley, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dodson, Earman, Field, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Owen, Pitts, Reed, Rolston, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—48.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which was rejected.

MR. WEAVER of Warren moved to amend as follows: "Merchants' License," on page 6, line 32 (27) after word "usual," add word "city," and after word "road" add "or other;" which was agreed to.

MR. SPATIG moved to amend as follows: Page 84, section 120, line 7, strike out "fifty dollars" and insert in lieu thereof the words "two hundred and fifty dollars;" which was agreed to.

MR. GORDON moved to amend as follows: Page 3, section 46, "Merchants' Licenses," strike out the words "and upon all purchases over one hundred thousand dollars there shall be paid ten cents on every hundred dollars in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;" which was rejected.

MR. GORDON moved to amend as follows: Page 35, line 9, sec-



tion 75, strike out the words "except a licensed attorney at law;" which was rejected.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which was rejected.

MR. SPESSARD moved to amend as follows: Page 61, section 92½, add at end of section the following: "Provided that hotels at summer and health resorts, keeping open not more than four months in a year, shall pay only one-half of the foregoing sums;" which was agreed to.

MR. LAND moved to amend as follows: Page 79, sub-section 2, line 5 (15), at end of paragraph strike out the period (.) and insert a comma (,), and add "except such cider be manufactured to be sold as a beverage, in which event the same license is to be paid as on other soft drinks;" page 79, sub-section 2, line 4 (14), strike out the words "or sale;" which were severally rejected.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which was rejected.

MR. SMITH of *King and Queen* moved to amend as follows: Page 79, end of section 113½, add "when sold in quantities of 5 gallons or more;" which was rejected.

MR. WHITE moved to amend as follows: Line 3 of the title strike out the figure "63," and on page 26 strike out the words "general auctioneer's license," and all of section "63;" which was agreed to.

MR. MYERS moved to amend as follows: Page 6, section 46, line 39, after the word "property," strike out the period and insert semi-colon, and add the words "but any merchant may file with the commissioners of the revenue a statement, verified by affidavit, showing the amounts owing upon the purchase price of such goods, wares and merchandise, if any, and further showing the persons, firms or corporations to whom the same is due, and the address of each, and thereupon it shall become the duty of the commissioner of the revenue to deduct the aggregate of such amounts from the capital of such merchants in making the assessment of such capital;" which was agreed to—yeas, 51; nays, 35.

On motion of MR. CHALKLEY, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Radford, Reed, Rolston, Spatig, Spessard, Stubbs, Terrell, Walton, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams—51.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Brewer, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, Crockett, Ferebee, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Horner, Huff, Johnson, Land, Lewis, Love, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Nelson, Francis W.

Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—35.

MR. BONIFANT moved to amend as follows: Section 56, book agents—page 2, line 7, strike out “or sell;” line 10, strike out “or sell;” line 13, strike out “selling or;” which was agreed to.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: Book agents—strike out the words “shall receive subscriptions for or;” which was rejected.

MR. OLIVER moved to strike out of title and all of section 139 “license on slot machines;” which was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved severally to amend as follows: On page 7, in line 47, after the word “purchases,” insert the following words: “The license tax to be paid by a merchant commencing business shall be based upon the purchase price of the stock of goods on hand at the time he commences business, to which shall be added an estimate of the purchases he will make between the date he commences business and the thirty-first day of March following.”

On page 16, in line 41, after the word “sale,” insert the following words: “It shall be the duty of the commissioner of the revenue to ascertain if the provisions of this section are being violated, and if they are, to immediately report that fact to the Commonwealth’s attorney of his county or city so that he may prosecute the person violating the provisions of this section for doing business without license. It shall, moreover, be the duty of the commissioner of the revenue, when he knows of violations of the provisions of this section, to swear out a warrant for the arrest of any person violating the provisions of this section, it being the intent of the law that any person violating the provisions of this section shall be prosecuted under State law, notwithstanding the fact he is being prosecuted, or may be prosecuted, for violations of city or town ordinance for peddling without city or town license.”

On page 18, strike out lines 8 to 14 inclusive, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

“Every such lightning rod merchant shall pay an annual specific State license tax of twenty-five dollars for each county, city or town in which he first takes out the license, and shall, for each other county, city or town in which he desires to do business, take out license and pay an annual specific State license tax of ten dollars. There shall be no abatement of the license tax herein provided for;” page 64, strike out lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and all of line 9 down to and including word “value,” and insert following:

“Every person, firm, company or corporation who shall keep an eating house in the country or in a town of two thousand inhabi-

tants or less shall pay for the privilege an annual specific State license tax of five dollars, and every person, firm, company or corporation who shall keep an eating house elsewhere than in the country or in a town of less than two thousand inhabitants shall pay for the privilege an annual specific State license tax of five dollars, and shall pay an additional sum equal to five per cent. of the annual rent or rental value of the house or portion thereof, in which such eating house is kept."

On page 64, in line 13, strike out words "and furniture," and after word "house," in line 13, insert words "or portion thereof."

On page 17, in section 51, line 27, after the word "meats," insert a comma and the following words "fish and oysters."

On page 17, in section 51, line 27, after the word "country," insert the following words "or in towns."

On page 16, in section 50, line 37, after the word "wood," insert the word "fuel."

On page 16, in section 51, line 6, after the word "wood," insert the word "fuel."

On page 16, in section 51, line 12, after the word "in," strike out the word "incorporated."

In line 3 of the title, strike out the following "69, 70."

On pages 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, strike out all of sections 69 and 70, beginning with the words "junk dealers, canvassers, etc.," down to and including the words "such canvasser," in line 10, on page 33.

On page 64, in section 97, line 2, strike out the words "twenty-five," and in lieu thereof insert the word "five."

On page 64, in section 97, at the end of line 14, after the word "dollars," strike out the period and insert a semi-colon and the following words: "Provided, that in the country and in towns of less than two thousand inhabitants the tax on rental value provided for in this section shall not apply."

In line 6, of the title, strike out the following, "107, 108, 109."

On pages 70, 71, 72, 73 and 74, strike out all of sections 107, 108 and 109, beginning with the words "circus, menagerie, carnival, shows, etc.," on page 70 down to and including the words "more than five hundred dollars," in line 50, on page 74.

On page 75, in section 111, line 8, after the word "operated," insert the following words: "the license tax provided for in this section shall not be prorated."

On page 79, in section 114, line 2, strike out the comma after the word "law," and the words "physician, surgeon," and in lieu thereof, insert the word "or."

On page 79, in section 114, lines 3 and 4, strike out the follow-



ing words: "or the art of healing bodily or mental infirmities without physic or surgery."

On pages 81 and 82, in section 116, lines 4, 5, 6 and 7, strike out the semi-colon after the word "dollars," in line 4, and in lieu thereof insert a period and strike out the following words: "provided, that no attorney at law shall be required to pay more than fifteen dollars whose receipts are less than five hundred dollars per annum;" which were severally rejected.

MR. HUFF moved to amend as follows: Page 16, section 51, line 12, after the word "towns," insert the following words: "Nor shall this section apply to persons who are engaged in selling melons from a car or cars in the country and in towns where the same does not remain for more than twenty-four hours at any one town;" which was agreed to.

MR. DANIEL of *Middlesex* moved severally to amend as follows: "On page 5, line 14, after the word "dollars," add "provided, that the purchases of tobacco shall not be included in the account of purchases of general merchandise;" on page 84, at the end of line 7, add: "on all persons other than licensed merchants, who sell, or offer to take orders for fertilizers, shall pay a license of ten dollars;" which were severally rejected.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend as follows: On page 54, line 51, strike out the words "and such city," and also strike out lines 52, 53 and 54, on page 54; which was rejected.

MR. MYERS moved severally to amend as follows: Page 104, section 141, line 1, strike out the words "two hundred" and insert the words "three hundred;" in line 2, after the word "each," strike out the word "company" and insert the words "member of any company or companies;" line 3, after the word "gypsies," insert the word "clairvoyants;" after the word "persons," add the words "or any individual;" which were severally rejected.

MESSRS. ROBERTSON and POWERS moved to amend as follows: In line 113½, after "fountain," add "except that in the case of the sale of coca-cola, so-cola and other preparations having over two per cent. of caffen, shall pay a license of \$2.50 additional for the sale of same;" which was rejected.

MR. POWERS moved to amend as follows: Page 79, after line 10, "for the privilege of selling sa-cola, or like preparations, or prpeara-tions of beer containing the active principles of same, there shall be paid to the State an annual license tax of fifty dollars, and for the privilege of manufacturing or bottling the same there shall be paid an annual license tax of five hundred dollars;" which was rejected.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: Page 31, line 76, after the word "transaction," add the word "except;" which was agreed to.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend the bill by striking out the emergency clause; which was rejected.

The amendments being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 77; nays, 10.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Owen, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—77.

NAYS—Messrs. Branscomb, J. William Daniel, Gordon, Gunn, Lewis, Meetze, Norris, Oliver, Page, H. C. Weaver—10.

MR. MYERS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the response from MR. POWELL, the member from Spotsylvania, to the resolution agreed to yesterday, as follows:

#### *To the House of Delegates:*

In compliance with your request as embraced in the resolution, that I formulate my charges concerning Judge R. H. L. Chichester, of the fifteenth judicial circuit, in writing, and give them to you, and all information upon which said charges are based, I beg to state that during the discussion on the Senate bill, in which I was opposing the courts being given authority to appoint the local boards of review under the new tax system, I stated, in substance, but I cannot give the exact words, as I spoke extemporaneously and in the heat of debate, amid a constant fire of questions from various gentlemen, that to give the judges this power would force them into politics even more than they were now. That they already had the appointing of too many officers, and should not be given the right to appoint any more.

That the legislative, executive and judicial branches of our government should be kept separate and distinct as far as possible. That in my native county of Spotsylvania (where I practice law, and which, together with the city of Fredericksburg, I have the honor to represent in this Legislature) politics was considered by the Hon. R. H. L. Chichester, judge of the cir-

cuit court of said county, in making the appointment of officers which the law now imposed on him.

That he had recently appointed Mr. Fred Fraser, who is deputy treasurer of Spotsylvania county, as a member of the electrical board of Spotsylvania county (in the place of Marmelus F. Waite, a Democrat, but who does not belong to any county ring). That he also appointed E. T. Hudson a member of said electoral board in the place of G. W. Perry, a Democrat, but who does not belong to the county ring. That he also appointed the said Fred L. Fraser a land assessor for 1915 in said county in defiance of the wishes of an overwhelming majority of the property owners and taxpayers of his district as expressed in petition presented to said judge, but in response to the wishes of a few members of what is commonly known as the ring.

That the appointment of Mr. Fred Fraser, deputy treasurer of Spotsylvania county, as a member of the electoral board to take part in appointing the judges and clerks of the election in which his principal, the present treasurer of Spotsylvania county, will be a candidate for re-election, and in the success of which the said Fred L. Fraser is financially and personally interested, was in defiance of and contrary to paragraph 3 of section 31 of the Virginia Constitution, which reads as follows:

"No person, nor the deputy of any person, holding any office or post of profit or emolument under the United States Government, or who is in the employment of such government, or holding any elective office of profit or trust in the State, or in any county, city or town thereof, shall be appointed a member of the electoral board, or registrar, or judge of election."

That the said R. H. L. Chichester had taken oath to support this Constitution when he became judge.

That among the frauds practiced at elections in Spotsylvania county, which I personally know, was the erasure of R. M. Usher, a legally qualified voter, registered at Thornsburg precinct, Berkley district, Spotsylvania county, from the voting list of November 4, 1913, furnished the judges of said precinct for elections, Thornsburg being the home precinct of C. R. Coleman, my predecessor in the House of Delegates from Spotsylvania county and the city of Fredericksburg, and he also had a copy of said voting list with *same* Usher's name erased therefrom, and objecting to the judges of said precinct allowing said Usher to vote at said election on the ground that he was not on the voting list furnished said precinct judges by the county electoral board for said election. I held both of said lists up to the light and it showed the election officials and crowd of bystanders where said name had been erased by the extreme thinness of the paper at that place, and also by comparison with an official list furnished me by the clerk of the circuit court of said county, which I had kept in my pocket up to that time, and which said Coleman and said election officials did not know I possessed, and on which said Usher's name appeared in the said place as erased therefrom on the other two lists, and as originally printed there, all of said lists being printed from the same original copy and plates. I will furnish evidence of many other election frauds, of which I have information, to the Committee on Courts of Justice when it comes to Spotsylvania to investigate the matter, together with complete proof from eye-witnesses of the one above referred to.

The latter part of January, 1912, the clerk of the circuit court of Spotsylvania county died; he had just been elected at the preceding November election for a term of eight years, commencing January, 1912. Judge R. H. L. Chichester appointed Mr. A. H. Crismond, the incumbent, as the former clerk's successor, for the unexpired term of seven years and eleven months. Mr. H. A. Crismond, his son and a deputy clerk under Mr. J. P. H. Crismond, who in 1913 fled the county and went to parts unknown to escape prosecution for embezzling several thousand dollars from the county and State's finances passing through his hands.

The exact amount will be furnished the Committee on Courts of Justice when it investigates the matter, and from the figures of the commit-



tee that investigated the clerk's office after the escape of the said J. P. H. Crismond. The appointment of Mr. A. H. Crismond by Judge Chichester for the unexpired term of seven years and eleven months, as aforesaid, was against the wishes of what is believed to have been the overwhelming majority of the people of Spotsylvania county, and over the protest of the largest and most representative committee that ever assembled in my legislative district in my recollection for a purpose of this kind. I am reliably informed that it was made chiefly at the request of former Judge A. T. Embrey, Messrs. C. R., F. W. and T. S. Coleman, all of whom, except C. R. and T. S. Coleman, were non-residents of Spotsylvania county. Witnesses as to this will also be produced for the Committee on Courts of Justice when the investigators request it.

Mr. A. H. Crismond has always been opposed to me politically, and I presume will continue to vote against me, and the night before my election to the Legislature in November, 1913, took part in a midnight meeting and conspiracy with said J. P. H. Crismond, his father; Dr. W. A. Harris and T. A. Harris, all of Spotsylvania courthouse, to buy all the votes at that place they could get against me on the next day, but they were all seen, heard, watched and prevented from carrying out their scheme. This I will also prove by eye-witness before the Committee on Courts of Justice when they investigate this matter.

Yet in spite of all this, I feel that I should say I believe that A. H. Crismond is qualified, from an educational standpoint, for the position of clerk, and so far as I know his accounts are all right. I have not examined them.

In July, 1913, T. S. Coleman, the Commonwealth's attorney of Spotsylvania county, died. At the wishes of a majority of the voters of Spotsylvania county (as I will show by the original petitions duly signed by them) I applied to Judge Chichester for appointment for the unexpired term, the present law giving him the right to fill such vacancies for the unexpired term of the previous incumbent. I expressly stated in my application that I would assume no obligation (meaning political) to any one other than my oath of office should he appoint me, as will be shown by said application at the present time.

Although I was backed by a majority of the voters of the county, Judge Chichester declined to consider petitions and appointed former county Judge R. E. Waller at the request of some members of the Fredericksburg bar, residing outside of the county, among them being W. W. Butzner, a member of the Republican State Committee, and some of the county officers and supervisors, among them being R. C. Blaydes, Republican county chairman, who holds office as a district school trustee by appointment. There has been no reorganization of the Republican committee in Spotsylvania county since 1910, at which time said R. C. Blaydes, being the uncle of C. R. Coleman, F. W. Coleman and T. S. Coleman, all Democrats, was elected in a mass meeting packed with Democrats.

Both said Butzner and Blaydes voted for my opponent in my election to this Legislature, and always act with the Democratic ring when they are needed.

I will submit evidence as to the bi-partisan ring in Spotsylvania when the Committee on Courts of Justice comes to Spotsylvania. The appointment of former county Judge R. E. Waller as Commonwealth's attorney, not only against the wishes of the majority of the people of Spotsylvania county but contrary to the law as set forth in section 819 of the Code, which provides: "That if no practicing lawyer, who has resided in the county or in such city for the period aforesaid, offer for election or appointment, it shall be lawful to elect or appoint as attorney for the Commonwealth for such county a non-resident, or one who has not resided in the county, or in such city, for the period above mentioned." Judge Waller was not a practicing lawyer. He never took bar examination and had not practiced law since about 1884, and did not take out a license until after the vacancy occurred.

He had rarely been to the courthouse of said county since he rushed through the whitewashing proceedings resulting in the acquittal of J. P. H. Crismond for embezzlement, during the last days of the old county court system in January, 1904, before the new Constitution and circuit court system went into effect, and he was legislated out of office as county judge. I am informed he has not attended a court or supervisors' meeting since last fall.

Now, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House, I have briefly stated the substance of my remarks as I recall them, but desire the right to introduce evidence of other election frauds and appointments before the investigation committee.

I have read Judge Chichester's statement in the papers, in which he admits he appointed Mr. Fraser a member of the electoral board in violation of the Constitution, but says he did not know he was deputy treasurer. In reply to this, I say he should have known it, as he, Judge Chichester, has an office in Fredericksburg, and lives only three miles out in Stafford county, and *hears* court at Spotsylvania, only ten miles from Fredericksburg, and Fred Fraser has been deputy treasurer since January, 1912, under Dr. J. W. Mossey, and was deputy treasurer under W. G. Dillard for many years prior to January 1, 1912. Furthermore, his appointment as a member of the electoral board, being deputy treasurer also, was commented on in the Fredericksburg Journal at the time. Copy of the article will be obtained and filed with the investigation committee. A favorite scheme of some gentlemen in that section is to set up an imaginary case which they claim has been alleged against them and then knock it down. I do not state that all the men appointed by Judge Chichester were crooks, and he was misinformed when he stated that I did; in fact, I did not use the word crooks at all that I recall. The charges that I made are set forth in the foregoing statement, and all I want is an opportunity to prove them.

I have no animosity in making them and did not know that I would do so until I got into the debate on the bill, and they were developed in the progress thereof. In the light of subsequent events I am very glad I was not appointed as Commonwealth's attorney. I think the Legislature has made a great mistake in having these local boards of review and assessments appointed by the courts, and I hope it may even yet be corrected. Various remarks have been made as to my politics, but as to this all I desire to say is that I was elected as an independent on a platform which every member of this Legislature was sent a copy before the Legislature of 1914 first met, so they would know where and for what I stood. I have tried to carry out this platform without knocking for admittance into the caucus or secret conclave of any party. I believe in the rule of the people and not in the rule of the judges, except within their proper sphere in the trial of cases.

I do not impugn the motives of any one who may not agree with me in this belief, but being elected largely as a result of the abuses of this appointing power by Judge Chichester in Spotsylvania county, and on a platform which committed me to oppose any extension thereof, I had to oppose the bill mentioned. If in doing so I have offended anyone I am sorry, but I was in the conscientious discharge of my duty as I saw it, and am prepared to face the result and abide by the consequences, whatever they may be to me personally, professionally or politically.

It has been impossible to obtain all of the evidence in the limited time since last night, but I here exhibit petitions signed by a majority of the voters of Spotsylvania county protesting against the appointment of Judge Waller as Commonwealth's attorney, and will introduce other evidence at such time as the investigating committee may desire."

The response was referred to the Committee on Courts of Justice.

The motion entered by Mr. KENT to reconsider the vote by

which No. 71. Senate bill, to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 1506 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to what school funds shall consist of, approved March 25, 1914, was rejected; was rejected—yeas, 36; nays, 39.

On motion of MR. STUBBS, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Browning, Chalkley, John Orr Daniel, Earman, Flanagan, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Harrison, Hobson, Houston, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Love, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Noland, Powell, Price, Rew, Rolston, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephens, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, White, Williams and Mr. Speaker—36.

NAYS—Messrs. Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, Dodson, J. William Daniel, Field, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hughes, Johnson, Massie, Meetze, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Steck, Walton, Willis, Winston, Woodward—39.

No. 102, House bill to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to add a new section thereto, hereby designated as section 29½, providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning, and other car companies operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies, came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, MR. STEARNES moved to amend as follows: Strike out the word "one," on page 12, in line 50, on page 13, in line 70, and on page 14, in line 82, of the bill and insert in each case the word "two," so that the bill in each case shall read "equal to two per centum upon the gross transportation receipts" in each case; which was rejected.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was rejected; which was rejected.

MR. NORRIS moved to amend as follows: Line 42, page 29, strike out the word "one" and insert in lieu thereof the word "two," tax on steamboats; which was agreed to.

MR. STEARNES moved to amend as follows: Page 12, 13 and 14, strike out in lines 50, 70 and 82 of the bill the words "one" and substitute the words "one and one-fourth," so that the franchise tax shall be "equal to one and one-fourth per centum upon the gross transportation receipts" in each case; which was agreed to.

MR. REED moved to amend as follows: Amend by striking out



"one and one-quarter," in line 59, and insert in lieu thereof "two," express companies; which was rejected.

MR. CHALKLEY offered a substitute to section 27, which was rejected.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to amend as follows: Amend section 35, "provided, however, that incorporated telephone companies shall not be assessed with or required to pay an annual State franchise tax as heretofore provided by section forty-three of said act, approved April 16, 1903;" which was rejected.

MR. MILSTEAD moved to strike out all of section 29½, tax on express companies; which was rejected.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to strike out the emergency clause; which was rejected.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 81; nays, 5.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward—81.

NAYS—Messrs. Milstead, Noland, Spessard, Walton and Mr. Speaker—5.

MR. WILLIAMS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

The morning hour being resumed, a communication from the Senate, by their clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, March 11, 1915.*

The Senate has agreed to the amendments proposed by the House of Delegates to Senate bills entitled: An act to amend and re-enact sections 450, 451, 456, 458, 462, 464, 466, 468, 471, 486, 487, 489, 491, 494, 496, 497, 498, 503, 504, 511, 520, 527, 548, 550, 553, 555, 556, 561 and 578 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, and to repeal sections 465, 502, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521 and 544 of the same chapter of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, said chapter 24 having relation to the assessment of taxes on persons and property, licenses

and so forth, No. 93; and an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of reports of purchases by merchants and the review of the annual returns and assessments of intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, approved February 16, 1915, No. 95.

And they have passed Senate bills entitled: An act to authorize the mayor and council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, installing and maintaining a system of water works, a sewerage system, and electric light and power system in said city of Williamsburg, and to provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city, and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water, and connection with the water and sewerage systems of said Eastern State hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors to the College of William and Mary in Virginia to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for light and power, and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said the College of William and Mary in Virginia, No. 105; an act to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax county, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912, No. 114; an act to restore to the funds heretofore appropriated for disbursement by the commissioners to promote uniformity of legislation in the United States, and to re-appropriate as a part thereof the sum of six hundred dollars on account of lapsed appropriations for further expenses, No. 121; an act to repeal an act

entitled an act to incorporate the town of Clinchport, in Scott county, approved March 2nd, 1994, No. 124; an act to make incorporated towns which maintain their own roads free from expense to the magisterial district in which they are located, or which are exempt by the express provision of their charters from the payment of district road taxes, separate road districts within the county or counties in which they are situated, No. 104; an act to empower the board of supervisors of Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county, No. 108; an act to enable certain Confederate veterans of Virginia to attend the reunion of Confederate veterans in the city of Richmond in the month of June, 1915, No. 112; and an act to create a road board for Haytokah magisterial district of Nottoway county, and to provide for the working and repairing of roads in such district, No. 81; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

Nos. 81 and 114, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

Nos. 108, 104, 124 and 105, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Nos. 121 and 112, Senate bills, were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation:

No. 121. House bill to empower the board of supervisors of Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county.

No. 122. House bill to add an independent section to an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, so as to provide for the rehearing of a petition for the sale of bonds for the purpose of building and improving the roads and bridges of any district in said county.

No. 123. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax county, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:



No. 124. House bill ratifying the proceedings authorizing an issue of bonds by Lunenburg county for road improvement in Reho-both magisterial district.

No. 125. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the school board of Jerusalem magisterial district, Southampton county, Virginia, to borrow money for the purpose to pay off school indebtedness in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding \$12,000 in amount, approved March 7, 1912.

No. 126. House bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902.

No. 127. House bill to authorize Cumberland county, from time to time, as necessary, to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, in addition to the amount of twenty thousand dollars mentioned in the act approved March 25, 1914, pages 507 and 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1914, for the purpose of uniting in the building of roads in the said county of Cumberland upon the State aid plan.

No. 128. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Rocky Mount to contribute from the revenues of the town to the support and maintenance of a graded school in Rocky Mount school district, approved February 16, 1901.

No. 129. House bill authorizing the city of Winchester, Virginia, to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and issue the bonds of the said city of Winchester therefor.

No. 130. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Stafford county to issue bonds to raise the funds necessary to pay off certain bonds issued in 1886, known as Falmouth bridge bonds.

No. 131. House bill to authorize and empower the several magisterial districts of Cumberland county to levy a license tax on all vehicles used or operated in said districts, for the purpose of raising revenue for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the public highways and bridges of said districts in said county.

No. 132. House bill to amend and re-enact section 11 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Bannister, in the county of Halifax, approved February 22, 1890.

No. 133. House bill to amend and re-enact section 20 of an act approved January 30, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of South Boston, in the

county of Halifax, fixing a maximum town levy and a maximum capitation tax for said town.

No. 134. House bill to validate certain coupon bonds issued by the town of South Boston under date of April 2, 1900, payable thirty-four years after their date, with interest at the rate of four and one-half percentum per annum, payable semi-annually, aggregating twenty thousand dollars, said bonds being forty in number, and of the denomination of five hundred dollars each.

No. 135. House bill to authorize the school board of Tanners Creek magisterial district, No. 6, of the county of Norfolk, to borrow money for the purpose of school improvements in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in amount.

No. 136. House bill to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 10, 1915, entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue, for the purposes named, be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

No. 137. House bill to authorize Northampton county to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining public roads of Eastville magisterial district in said county.

No. 138. House bill to direct and require the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to advertise, issue and sell the bonds authorized by the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum, not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915, and to direct the Commonwealth's attorney of the said county to use his best efforts to expedite the sale of said bonds, and providing for the removal of any official failing to comply with the requirements hereof.

No. 139. House bill to authorize the mayor and council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, in-

stalling and maintaining a system of water works, a sewerage system, and electric light and power system in said city of Williamsburg, and to provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city, and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water, and connection with the water and sewerage system of said Eastern State hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for light and power and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

No. 140, House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to extend the time for collecting taxes accounted for by the city and county treasurers and not returned delinquent, approved March 24, 1914; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Finance.

The following House bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Appropriations:

No. 141. House bill to appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars to help defray the expenses of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues battalion as escort to the Governor of Virginia on Virginia Day at the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, California.

No. 142. House bill to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$600.00 for the relief of needy Confederate women of Virginia who are not upon the State pension rolls and who are not inmates of any Confederate, independent or church home or charitable institution, the relief to such needy Confederate women to be effected by the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia issuing his warrants upon the State treasury to each beneficiary under this act, such beneficiary to be ascertained and determined by proof satisfactory to and furnished by a group of women known as the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

No. 143. House bill to require the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania county to let the printing of the receipts and disbursements of taxes, levies, tolls, etc., and other printing and newspaper work to the lowest bidder; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

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county offices, heretofore referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, was reported back with the recommendation that it be referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice. The bill was so referred.

A message was received from the Senate by MR. LESNER, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to a joint resolution relating to the five great sub-divisions of the State; in which they request the concurrence of the House.

The hour of 6 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.

### NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 123, Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902, was, on motion of MR. WOODWARD, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WOODWARD moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephen-

son, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 109, Senate bill to authorize Northampton county to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining the public roads of Eastville magisterial district in the said county, was, on motion of Mr. HUFF, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR HUFF moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Guhn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 113 and 109, Senate bills, were passed, were rejected.

No. 115, House bill to declare certain cities to be parts of the 8th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 23rd judicial circuits for certain purposes, was, on motion of Mr. WEAVER of Warren, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WEAVER of Warren moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 120, House bill declaring who shall be entitled to vote in any special election upon the question of the removal of a courthouse, was, on motion of Mr. LOVE, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. LOVE moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:



YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 122. House bill to add an independent section to an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, and amended by an act, approved March 14, 1908, so as to provide for the rehearing of a petition for the sale of bonds for the purpose of building and improving the roads and bridges of any district in said county, was, on motion of Mr. JORDAN, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. JORDAN moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being present engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 124, House bill ratifying the proceedings authorizing an issue of bonds by Lunenburg county for road improvement, in Reho-

both magisterial district, was, on motion of Mr. LOVE, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. LOVE moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephens, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 125, House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the school board of Jerusalem magisterial district, Southampton county, Virginia, to borrow money for the purpose to pay off school indebtedness in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding \$12,000 in amount, approved March 7, 1912, was, on motion of Mr. HORNER, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. HORNER moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson,

Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 127, House bill to authorize Cumberland county from time to time as necessary to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the amount of twenty thousand dollars mentioned in the act approved March 25, 1914, pages 507 and 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1914, for the purpose of uniting in the building of roads in the said county of Cumberland upon the State aid plan, was, on motion of Mr. TERRELL, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. TERRELL moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:



YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 128, House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Rocky Mount to contribute from the revenue of the town to the support and maintenance of a graded school in Rocky Mount district, approved February 16, 1901, was, on motion of Mr. KINSEY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. KINSEY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 129, House bill authorizing the common council of the city of Winchester, Virginia, to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars

(\$50,000) and issue the bonds of the city of Winchester therefor, was, on motion of MR. STECK, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. STECK moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 130, House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Stafford county to issue bonds to raise the funds necessary to pay off certain bonds issued in 1886, known as Falmouth bridge bonds, was, on motion of MR. HEFLIN, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. HEFLIN moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tay-

lor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 131. House bill to authorize and empower the several magisterial districts of Cumberland county to levy a license tax on all vehicles used or operated in said districts, for the purpose of raising revenue for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the public highways and bridges of said districts in said county, was, on motion of Mr. TERRELL, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. TERRELL moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousin, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malborn, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers,



Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 132, House bill to amend and re-enact section 11 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Bannister, in the county of Halifax, approved February 28, 1890, was, on motion of Mr. KENT, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. KENT moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

MR. KENT moved severally to amend the title and bill by inserting before the word "Bannister," the words "Houston, formerly," which were severally agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousin, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 133, House bill to amend and re-enact section 20 of an act approved January 30, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of South Boston, in the county of Halifax, fixing a minimum town levy and a maximum capitation for said town, was, on motion of Mr. KENT, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. KENT moved to dispense with the printing and several read-

ings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 134, House bill to validate certain coupon bonds issued by the town of South Boston under date of April 2, 1900, payable thirty-four years after their date, with interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, aggregating twenty thousand dollars, said bonds being forty in number, and of the denomination of five hundred dollars each, was, on motion of MR. KENT, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. KENT moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 135, House bill to authorize the school board of Tanners Creek magisterial district No. 6 of the county of Norfolk to borrow money for the purpose of school improvements in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in amount, was, on motion of MR. DUKE, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. DUKE moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers,



Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 136, House bill to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 10, 1915, entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purposes named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters, was, on motion of Mr. NELSON, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. NELSON moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 138, House bill to direct and require the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to advertise, issue and sell the bonds authorized by the provision of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to ex-

ceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915, and to direct the Commonwealth's attorney of the said county to use his best efforts to expedite the sale of said bonds, and providing for the removal of any official failing to comply with the requirements hereof, was, on motion of Mr. DUKE, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. DUKE moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 140, House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to extend the time for collecting taxes accounted for by the city and county treasurers and not returned delinquent approved March 24, 1914, was, on motion of Mr. KENT, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. KENT moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 142, House bill to appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$600.00, for the relief of needy Confederate women of Virginia, who are not upon the State pension rolls and who are not inmates of any Confederate, independent or church home or charitable institution, the relief to such needy Confederate women to be effected by the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia issuing his warrants upon the State treasury to each beneficiary under this act, such beneficiary to be ascertained and determined by proof satisfactory to and furnished by a group of women known as the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, was, on motion of MR. BRANSCOMB, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. BRANSCOMB moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Hef-



lin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 143, House bill to require the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania county to let the printing of the receipts and disbursements of taxes, levies, tolls, etc., and other printing and newspaper work to the lowest bidder, was, on motion of Mr. POWELL, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. POWELL moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 79; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—MESSRS. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, 28HJ

Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry S. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

No. 116, House bill to appropriate the sum of \$60,000, or so much as may be necessary, for the prevention and eradication of the foot and mouth disease among the live stock of this State, and to confer upon the Governor, the chairman of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the State Veterinarian certain powers in relation thereto, and to appropriate the further sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of employing assistant veterinarians, and for other necessary expenses in the protection of live stock in this State from infectious, contagious and communicable diseases and to require a detailed report of the expenditure of said funds, was, on motion of Mr. STECK, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. STECK moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

MR. STECK moved severally to amend the bill by striking out in the title and in the bill “\$60,000,” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$100,000;” which was agreed to.

MR. BONIFANT moved to amend as follows: “No person who has cattle or other stock killed by reason of the foot and mouth disease shall receive more than the same are assessed at the time on the property books of county in which they are killed;” which was rejected.

MR. GORDON moved to amend as follows: Page 3, before the emergency clause, insert the words, “provided, however, that no person whose cattle are killed to prevent the spreading of the disease shall be paid a greater sum than twenty-five per cent. in excess of the assessed value of the cattle so killed”; which was rejected—yeas, 41; nays, 41.

On motion of MR. GORDON, the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Kent, Land, Love, Malbon, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Owen, Philpott, Powell, Francis W. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Taylor, Walton, Willis and Winston—41.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Chalkley, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Franklin, Grasty, Flanagan, Gunn, Harris, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Oliver, Page, Pitts, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Spatig, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—41.

MR. GREGORY moved to amend as follows: "Provided, that in any case where the stock to be killed is covered by insurance, the amount agreed to be paid for such stock shall be reduced by the amount of such insurance paid the owner;" which was rejected.

MR. GORDON moved to amend as follows: Add at end of section 3 the words, "In no case shall the amount paid be more than double the assessment value of stock so killed;" which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 71; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Lowry, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—71.

NAY—Mr. Bonifant—1.

No. 119, House bill to amend and re-enact section 1494 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the ages of persons admitted as pupils to the public free schools of the Commonwealth, was, on motion of MR. GUNN, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. GUNN moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love,



Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 52; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Branscomb, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Love, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—52.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 115, 120, 122, 124, 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 138, 140, 142, 143, 116 and 119, House bills, were passed, were rejected.

No. 117, House bill providing for the expenses of the members of the General Assembly in attending the extended session beginning on March 8, 1915, was, on motion of Mr. GREGORY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. GREGORY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 58; nays, 18.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty,

Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Philpott, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Stubbs, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—58.

NAYS—Messrs. Chalkley, Crawford, Flanagan, Gordon, Jordan, Lincoln, Love, Miller, Oliver, Pitts, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Tiffany, Williams, Winston—18.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected.

MR. WEAVER of Warren moved to pass by the motion to reconsider; which was agreed to.

No. 118, House bill to amend and re-enact section 2079 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in regard to unlawful hunting so as to permit the killing of turkey buzzard and black buzzard, was, on motion of Mr. LEWIS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. LEWIS moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—63.

No. 141, House bill to appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars to help defray the expenses of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues battalion as escort to the Governor of Virginia on Virginia day at the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, California, was, on motion of Mr. LEEDY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. LEEDY moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 68; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kinsey, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Tay-

lor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—68.

The following House bills were, on motions severally made, dismissed:

No. 121. House bill to empower the board of supervisors of Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county.

No. 123. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax county, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

No. 1266. House bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902.

No. 137. House bill to authorize Northampton county to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining public roads of Eastville magisterial district in said county.

No. 139. House bill to authorize the mayor and council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, installing and maintaining a system of water works, a sewerage system, and electric light and power system in said city of Williamsburg, and to provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city, and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water and connection with the water and sewerage system of said Eastern State hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for light and power and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said The College of William and Mary in Virginia.

On motion of MR. SMITH of *King and Queen*, the House adjourned until 12 o'clock tomorrow.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.



FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1915.

Prayer by the Rev. MR. PHILPOTT, the member from Henry.

On motion of MR. BONIFANT, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation:

No. 81. Senate bill to create a road board for Haytokah magisterial district, Nottoway county, and to provide for the working and repairing of roads in such district.

No. 114. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax county, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

The following Senate bills, having been considered by the committee in session, were reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns:

No. 104. Senate bill to make incorporated towns which maintain their own roads free from expense to the magisterial district in which they are located, or which are exempt by the express provision of their charters from the payment of district road taxes, separate road districts within the county or counties in which they are situated.

No. 105. Senate bill to authorize the mayor or council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, installing and maintaining a system of water works, a sewerage system and electric light and power system in said city of Williamsburg, and provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water, and connection with water and sewerage systems of said Eastern State hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for light and power, and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said The College of William and Mary in Virginia.

No. 108. Senate bill to empower the board of supervisors of

Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county.

No. 124. Senate bill to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Clinchport, in Scott county, approved March 2, 1894.

No. 112, Senate bill to enable certain Confederate veterans of Virginia to attend the reunion Confederate Veterans in the city of Richmond, in the month of June, 1915, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds and to build bridges and to macadamize roads in said county, etc., and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, approved March 7, 1900, and all acts amendatory thereof, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill for the relief of Henry Roach, of Charlotte county, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to repeal section 24 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 7, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved April 2, 1902, entitled an act to provide a road law for Campbell county, approved March 5, 1900, providing

and regulating a road board for said county and directing the disbursement of the county road fund, approved February 8, 1908, as heretofore amended, and adding thereto a new section (24) in lieu of the section hereby repealed, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

A bill to authorize and empower John Earle, W. B. Brown, R. Lee Sowers, A. J. Brown and M. C. Richardson, Jr., their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a public ferry across the Shenandoah river, at or near Morgan's Ford, in Cedarville magisterial district, in the county of Warren, Virginia, having been considered by the Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, was returned to the House with the following report:

The Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation respectfully reports that in their opinion the object of the within bill cannot be reached by general law or court proceedings.

HUGH A. WHITE, *Chairman*.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

MR. WILLIAMS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring). That the present session of the General Assembly be and the same is hereby extended for a period of six days from the day on which it would otherwise end according to law; which was agreed to—yeas, 79; nays none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Cousin, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephen-



son, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

Ordered that Mr. WILLIAMS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

Mr. WILLIAMS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That during the extension of six days of this session provided for, no bill shall be passed by either house, it being understood that the extension is for the purpose of completing enrollment, examination and signing of bills to be presented to the Governor, and such other matters pertaining to each house as may properly come up therein; which was agreed to.

Ordered that Mr. WILLIAMS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

Mr. BREWER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates be authorized and directed to employ a janitor for the offices at a price, \$20.00 per month, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House; which was agreed to.

Mr. BREWER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates be authorized to employ a clerk to assist in the completion of the work of the present session, at the salary provided by law, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House, upon the warrant of the Clerk, approved by THE SPEAKER; which was agreed to.

Mr. PITTS offered the following joint resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That consent be and the same is hereby given for the introduction and consideration of a bill to provide a special justice in Albemarle county, and to prescribe his jurisdiction in both civil and criminal matters, and to fix his compensation; and a bill to repeal an act entitled an act to submit to the qualified voters of the town of Scottsville, in the counties of Albemarle and Fluvanna, Virginia, at a special election to be held therefor, the question of the establishing a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors therein, and in the event a majority of those voting at said election vote for said dispensary, then further to provide for the establishing and the conduct of the same, and to prohibit thereafter within said town the sale, barter or exchange of intoxicating liquors

by all persons, firms or corporations except as herein provided, approved December 26, 1903; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. PITTS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

MESSRS. HORNER and MEETZE offered the following joint resolution:

Whereas the President of the United States has displayed marked foresight and judgment in dealing with nations now engaged in war; and

Whereas during his entire incumbency he has manifested all of the high qualities of a strong mind, a courageous heart and a determined purpose, and has peaceably secured to the United States recognition of her rights and kept our country tranquil and secured us the blessing of peace;

Therefore, be it resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the foreign policy pursued by the President be, and the same is, hereby endorsed, and that the sympathy, confidence and love of the people of Virginia are hereby extended to him, the Chief Magistrate of this nation.

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President and another copy to the President of the Senate of the United States; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. HORNER carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the joint resolution.

MR. HUFF moved to discharge the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation from the further consideration of House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds, and to build bridges and to macadamize roads in said county, etc., and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open, by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, approved March 7, 1900, and all acts amendatory thereof; which was agreed to—yeas, 83; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B.

Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—83.

The bill, No. 144, was placed on the calendar.

Mr. NELSON moved to discharge the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation from the further consideration of House bill to repeal section 24 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 7, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved April 2, 1902, entitled an act to provide a road law for Campbell county, approved March 5, 1900, providing and regulating a road board for said county and directing the disbursement of the county road funds, approved February 8, 1908, as heretofore amended, and adding thereto a new section (24) in lieu of the section hereby repealed; which was agreed to—yeas, 83; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—83.

The bill, No. 145, was placed on the calendar.

Mr. WEAVER of Warren moved to discharge the Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation from the further consideration of House bill to authorize and empower John Earle, W. B. Brown, R. Lee Sowers, A. J. Brown and M. C. Richardson, Jr., their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a public ferry across the Shenandoah river at or near Morgan's Ford, in Cedarville magisterial district, in the county of Warren, Virginia; which was agreed to—yeas, 83; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—83.



The bill, No. 146, was placed on the calendar.

MR. ADAMS moved to discharge the Committee on Appropriations from the further consideration of House bill for the relief of Henry Roach, of Charlotte county; which was agreed to—yeas, 83; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—83.

The bill, No. 147, was placed on the calendar.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

No. 144, House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds, and to build bridges and to macadamize roads in said county, etc., and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open by condemnation or otherwise alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, approved March 7, 1900, and all acts amendatory thereof, was, on motion of Mr. HUFF, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. HUFF moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 89; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—89.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 77; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousin, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—77.

No. 145, House bill to repeal section 24 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 7, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved April 2, 1902, entitled an act to provide a road law for Campbell county, approved March 5, 1900, providing and regulating a road board for said county and directing the disbursement of the county road funds, approved February 8, 1908, as heretofore amended, and adding thereto a new section (24) in lieu of the section hereby repealed, was, on motion of Mr. NELSON, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. NELSON moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 89; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—89.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 78; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer,

Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—78.

No. 146, House bill to authorize and empower John Earle, W. B. Brown, R. Lee Sowers, A. J. Brown and M. C. Richardson, Jr., their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a public ferry across the Shenandoah river at or near Morgan's Ford, in Cedarville magisterial district, in the county of Warren, Virginia, was, on motion of Mr. WEAVER *of Warren*, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. WEAVER *of Warren* moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 89; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—89.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 80; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—80.



No. 147, House bill for the relief of Henry Roach, of Charlotte county, was, on motion of Mr. ADAMS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. ADAMS moved to dispense with the printing and several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 89; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—89.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 77; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—77.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 144, 145, 146 and 147, House bills, were passed, were rejected.

No. 81, Senate bill to create a road board for Haytokah magisterial district, Nottoway county, and to provide for the working and repairing of roads in such district, was, on motion of Mr. LAND, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. LAND moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 82; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb,

Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 73; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrision, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—73.

No. 105, Senate bill to authorize the mayor or council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, installing and maintaining a system of water works, a sewerage system and electric light and power system in said city of Williamsburg, and provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water, and connection with water and sewerage system of said Eastern State hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors of The College of William and Mary in Virginia to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for lights and power, and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said The College of William and Mary in Virginia, was, on motion of MR. GREGORY, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. GREGORY moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 82; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, 29HJ

Brewer, Brown Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 73; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Radford, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—73.

No. 108, Senate bill to empower the board of supervisors of Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county, was, on motion of MR. MALBON, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. MALBON moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 82; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousin, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 74; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Chap-



man, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—74.

No. 104, Senate bill to make incorporated towns which maintain their own roads free from expense to the magisterial district in which they are located, or which are exempt by the express provision of their charters from the payment of direct road taxes, separate road districts within the county or counties in which they are situated, was, on motion of Mr. WINSTON, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. WINSTON moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 82; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousin, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 77; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Chapman, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—77.

No. 124, Senate bill to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Clinchport, in Scott county, approved March 2, 1894, was, on motion of Mr. JOHNSON, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. JOHNSON moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 82; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousin, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

The quesiton being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 71; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—71.

No. 114. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax county and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912, was, on motion of MR. OLIVER, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. OLIVER moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 82; nays none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B.

Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—82.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 80; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—80.

Motion severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 81, 105, 108, 104, 124 and 114, Senate bills, were passed, were rejected.

The motion of MR. OLIVER to reconsider the vote by which No. 117, House bill, providing for the expenses of the members of the General Assembly in attending the extended session beginning on March 8, 1915, was rejected, was agreed to.

MR. LINCOLN moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was rejected.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 69; nays, 7.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Johnson, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Looney, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Price, Radford, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Stubbs, Terrell, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—69.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Gordon, Miller, Oliver, Page, Rolston, Taylor—7.

MR. GREGORY moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read.



No. 106. House bill to repeal an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 15, 1910, entitled an act to provide for the examination of the books of land assessors by the clerk of the court, assessor assisting in examination, how errors corrected, compensation to clerks.

No. 110. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 444 and 445 of the Code of Virginia.

No. 111. House bill to amend and re-enact section 139 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide for a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 13, 1912, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved March 24, 1914.

No. 113. House bill to fix the situs for taxation of the rolling stock of electric railway corporations, and provide for the assessment thereof.

No. 103. House bill to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds of classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects States taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915, and until otherwise provided by law, of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, and to repeal an act entitled an act to segregate for the purposes of taxation, pursuant to section 169 of the Constitution of Virginia, the several kinds and classes of property so as to specify and determine upon what subjects State taxes and upon what subjects local taxes may be levied, and to provide for the continuance for the year 1915 of the present State school tax of ten cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of real estate and tangible personal property, approved February 16, 1915.

No. 109. House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for the permanent road or bridge improvements in the counties of the State, approved February 25, 1910.

No. 107. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 11 and 12 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the act approved March 12, 1904, relating to the establishment, proper construction and permanent improvement of the public roads and landings, for building and keeping in good order and repair all roads, bridges, causeways and wharves, and so forth, approved March 17, 1906, and as approved March 13, 1908.

No. 97. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1043 of chapter 44 of the Code of Virginia as heretofore amended.

No. 110. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act approved February 15, 1915, and entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 446 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in reference to the compensation of land assessors and assistant assessors.

No. 107. Senate bill to authorize the city of Norfolk to issue bonds to refund certain certificates of debt.

No. 106. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1 of an act entitled an act authorizing cities and towns to impose taxes for their purposes at the respective rates now authorized to each of them by laws, plus an additional rate of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed value of such property as they are not prohibited from taxing by general law and except upon property upon which a maximum rate for local purposes is fixed by a general law, approved the 18th day of February, 1915, so as to add an additional section thereto providing an emergency clause.

No. 101. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for the segregation of the tax upon the rolling stock of corporations operating railroads by steam, to make such rolling stock liable to taxation by the State alone, to fix the rate of such taxation and to provide for the assessment of said rolling stock, approved February 16, 1915.

No. 102. Senate bill authorizing the boards of supervisors of counties and councils of cities and towns to adopt the classification of the several subjects of taxation as the same are now or hereafter may be classified for the purposes of taxation by the State, and in their discretion to impose different rates upon one or more of such classes of property when levying taxes for their purposes.

No. 103. Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Washington, in the county of Rappahannock, approved February 12, 1894, as amended by an act approved February 28, 1898, by adding thereto an additional section, to be known as section 16.

No. 111. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 63 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

No. 108. House bill to amend and re-enact section 7 of an act entitled an act to provide for the issuing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State, approved March 13, 1912.

No. 98. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 833 of the Code

of Virginia as heretofore amended by an act approved March 11, 1908, and other acts in relation to the powers and duties of the board of supervisors at annual meetings, by changing the body of said section, and by an amendment in addition to the new section designation as section 833-a, which shall prescribe the powers and duties of boards of supervisors in relation to county and school levies, approved March 11, 1908, as further amended by an act approved March 28, 1914.

No. 96. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 10 and 11 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as amended by an act approved February 19, 1904, as amended by an act approved January 31, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1912, as amended by an act approved March 20, 1914, defining incomes and tax on incomes, approved February 16, 1915.

No. 100. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 47 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903.

The hour of 1:30 o'clock having arrived, the chair was vacated until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 3:30 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

The morning hour being resumed, a communication from the Senate by their clerk was read as follows:

*In Senate, March 12, 1915.*

The Senate has passed with amendments House bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government



and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to add a new section thereto, hereby designated as section 29½, providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning and other car companies operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies. No. 102; and an act declaring who shall be entitled to vote in any special election upon the question of the removal of a courthouse, No. 120.

They have passed Senate bills entitled an act to validate the recordation of memoranda of sales or contracts for the sale of goods and chattels wherein the title thereto, or a lien thereon, is reserved or the transfer of title is made to depend on any condition, and possession is delivered to the vendee, No. 116; and an act to authorize the Auditor of Public Accounts and the Attorney General to make settlement of certain taxes due on intangible personal property, No. 120; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

Nos. 102 and 120, House bills, were on motions severally made, placed on the calendar.

No. 116, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

No. 120, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The calendar being resumed, No. 120, House bill declaring who shall be entitled to vote in any special election upon the question of the removal of a courthouse, came up.

The amendment proposed by the Senate was concurred in—yeas, 58; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Birrell, Brown, Cawthorn, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Gunn, Harris, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—58.

MR. LOVE moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment proposed by the Senate to No. 120, House bill, was concurred in; which was rejected.

No. 102, House bill to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the

interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to add a new section thereto, hereby designated as section 29½, providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning and other car companies operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies, came up.

The amendments proposed by the Senate were rejected—yeas, 33; nays, 51.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Baker, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Earman, Easley, Grant, Grasty, Harris, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Land, Leedy, Looney, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Spessard, Stubbs, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—33.

NAYS—Messrs. Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Horner, Hughes, Kent, Lewis, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Noland, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Walton, Winston—51.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments proposed by the Senate were rejected; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. STEARNES inform the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. GOOLRICH, who informed the House that the Senate insists upon its amendments and requests a committee of conference.

MR. STEARNES moved that the House concur in the request of the Senate for a committee of conference; which was agreed to.

Ordered that MR. STEARNES inform the Senate that the House concurs in its request for a committee of conference.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. STEARNES, PENNINGTON and WEAVER of *Grayson* the committee of conference on the part of the House.

No. 118, House bill to amend and re-enact section 2079 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in regard to unlawful hunting, so as to permit the killing of turkey buzzard and black buzzard, came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the negative—yeas, 40; nays, 21.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Birrell, Brewer, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, Crockett, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Houston, Kent, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Winston and Mr. Speaker—40.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Bonifant, Brown, Cawthorn, Commins, Cousins, Land, Miller, Montague, Norris, Oliver, Pitts, Powers, Robertson, Rolston, Spessard, Stephenson, Stubbs, Walton, White, Willis—21.

MR. WILLIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was agreed to.

MR. CHALKLEY moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered to be engrossed; which was agreed to.

MR. WILLS moved to amend the bill by striking out the emergency clause; which was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 43; nays, 25.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Brewer, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Field, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Horner, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kinsey, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Malbon, Massie, Milstead, Myers, Nelson, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Willis and Mr. Speaker—43.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brown, Cawthorn, Commins, Cousins, Earman, Grant, Hughes, Land, Montague, Oliver, Pitts, Powers, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Stubbs, Walton, White, Winston—25.

MR. LEWIS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

No. 141, House bill to appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars to help defray the expenses of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues battalion as escort to the Governor of Virginia on Virginia Day at the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, California, came up.

The printing and several readings of the bill having been dispensed with, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 58; nays, 27.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Browning, Chalkley, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Field, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Mal-



bon, Massie, Meetze, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Owen, Pennington, Pitts, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Stubbs, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—58.

NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Brewer, Cawthorn, Commins, Cousins, J. William Daniel, Earman, Ferebee, Franklin, Gordon, Gregory, Kinsey, Looney, Lowry, Miller, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Philpott, Powell, Steck, Stephenson, Taylor, Walton, H. G. Weaver, Woodward—27.

MR. LEEDY moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

MR. JORDAN stated that upon examination of the roll he found that he had been erroneously recorded in the affirmative, when he had responded in the negative to the roll call.

MR. OLIVER, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910, No. 17, presented the following report:

*To the Senate and House of Delegates of Virginia:*

Your undersigned, conferees upon the disagreeing votes of the two houses on Senate bill No. 17, to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and associations, approved March 16, 1910, beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the House of Delegates recede from the amendment to strike out the word "one" in section 5, in line 3, after the word "of" and to insert the word "two."

Given under our hands this 12th day of March, 1915.

A. C. HARMAN,  
L. O. WENDENBURG,  
R. E. THORNTON,

*Conferees on the part of the Senate.*

AUBREY G. WEAVER,  
WM. M. MYERS,

WALTER TANSILL OLIVER,

*Conferees on the part of the House of Delegates.*

The report of the committee of conference was adopted—yeas, 78; nays, 3.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Grasty, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsley, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stephenson, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—78.

NAYS—Messrs. Francis W. Smith, Stearnes, Willis—3.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the committee of conference was adopted; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. OLIVER inform the Senate that the House had adopted the report of the committee of conference.

No. 66, Senate bill making it a misdemeanor for a husband to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his wife or for a parent to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his child or children under the age of sixteen years, prescribing the penalty therefor and making provisions for the apprehension and punishment of persons convicted of non-support, and providing that persons convicted of non-support shall be sent to the convict road force in certain contingencies, providing for the taking of recognizances and for the forfeiture and enforcement of said recognizances, providing for the appointment of probation officers and prescribing their duties and powers, and making chief of police and sheriff probation officers in certain contingencies, came up.

MR. WINSTON moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 61; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Land, Lincoln, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Steck, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—61.

NAY—Mr. Gregory—1.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 63; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—63.

NAY—Mr. Gregory—1.

MR. WINSTON moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. MAPP, who informed the House that the Senate had passed Senate bill entitled an act to provide for the draining of the public highways of Ac-

comae county through lands adjacent to said highways, No. 123, in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House. The bill was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

The morning hour being resumed, Mr. REW moved to discharge the committee from the further consideration of the bill; which was agreed to—yeas, 69; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Fuller, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Land, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—69.

The calendar being resumed, Mr. REW moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 70; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Fuller, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willits, Winston and Mr. Speaker—70.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 67; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Ferebee, Field, Fuller, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—67.

Mr. REW moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

The hour of 6 o'clock P. M. having arrived, the chair was vacated until 8 o'clock P. M.



## NIGHT SESSION.

The hour of 8 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

No. 112, Senate bill to enable certain Confederate veterans of Virginia to attend the reunion of Confederate Veterans in the city of Richmond in the month of June, 1915, was, on motion of Mr. STUBBS, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. STUBBS moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 51; nays, 2.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Earman, Easley, Field, Flanagan, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Green, Harris, Harrison, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Jordan, Massie, Meetze, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pitts, Powell, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Steck, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, Walton, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—51.

NAYS—Messrs. Cawthorn, Powers—2.

MR. STUBBS offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute; which was agreed to.

The amendment being presently engrossed, the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 58; nays, 4.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Meetze, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Page, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston and Mr. Speaker—58.

NAYS—Messrs. Cawthorn, Crockett, Green, Huff—4.

MR. STUBBS moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. STUBBS carry the bill to the Senate and request their concurrence in the amendment proposed by the House.

No. 44, Senate bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to license and regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances, whose motive power is other than animal power, along and over the public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules

regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules and regulations, and for the licensing of chauffeurs, and to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, along and over the public highways of this State, to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof, and to prescribe for the violation of said rules, approved March 17, 1910, and further, to provide for licensing dealers, and garages, and for running motor vehicles for hire and to prescribe penalties for violations of this act, was, on motion of Mr. REED, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

Mr. REED moved to dispense with the further readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 63; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Birrell, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, John Orr Daniel, Dodson, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Green, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Kinsey, Land, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Page, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Willis, Winston and Mr. Speaker—63.

Mr. REED moved to amend as follows: Page 20, line 403, after the word "compensation," insert the words "other than rental to the owner of the building;" which was agreed to.

Mr. WHITE moved to amend as follows: Line 303, page 16, insert the following, "ring his bell or blow his horn and;" which was agreed to.

Mr. STUBBS moved to amend as follows: Page 30, add independent section: "The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall furnish to every person obtaining an automobile license a copy of the law governing automobiles, to be kept in his machine;" which was agreed to.

Mr. COX moved to pass by the bill; which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. WEST, who informed the House that the Senate had passed with an amendment House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the school board of Jerusalem magisterial district, Southampton county, Virginia, to borrow money for the purpose to pay off school indebtedness in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding \$12,000 in amount, approved March 7, 1912, No. 125, in which they request the concurrence of the House.

THE SPEAKER laid the bill before the House.

On motion of MR. HORNER, the bill was placed on the calendar.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. LESNER, who informed the House that the Senate had passed with amendments House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, No. 82, in which they request the concurrence of the House.

On motion of MR. MONTAGUE, the bill was placed on the calendar.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BUCHANAN, who informed the House that the Senate had passed with amendments House bill entitled an act to appropriate the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the prevention and eradication of the foot and mouth disease among the live stock of this State, and to confer upon the Governor, the chairman of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the State Veterinarian, certain powers in relation thereto, and to appropriate the further sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of employing assistant veterinarians and for other necessary expenses in the protection of live stock in the State from infectious, contagious and communicable diseases, and to require a detailed report of the expenditure of said funds, No. 116, in which they request the concurrence of the House.

On motion of MR. STECK, the bill was placed on the calendar.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. BLANKS, *who* informed the House that the Senate had adopted the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to add a new section thereto, hereby designated as section 29½, providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning and other car companies operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies, No. 102.

MR. OLIVER, chairman of the Committee for Courts of Justice, presented the following report:



*To the House of Delegates of Virginia:*

The Committee for Courts of Justice respectfully reports that it has carefully considered the matter of the resolution and answer thereto by the Hon. S. P. Powell, delegate from Spotsylvania, in regard to charges against Judge R. H. L. Chichester, and in addition thereto have heard the verbal statements of Mr. Powell and Judge Chichester, the latter of whom filed with the committee his answer to and denial of said charges, and the request of both Mr. Powell and Judge Chichester for a full and complete investigation thereof.

Your committee further reports that the charges are such that aside from the personal interests and rights of the delegate from Spotsylvania and Judge Chichester, the dignity of this House, the purity of the judiciary and the good of the Commonwealth demand that a full and complete investigation of the charges against Judge Chichester be had in such manner as the House of Delegates may determine.

WALTER TANSILL OLIVER,  
*Chairman of Committee for Courts of Justice.*

MR. OLIVER, chairman of the Committee for Courts of Justice, offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Hon. S. P. POWELL, delegate from the county of Spotsylvania and the city of Fredericksburg, has preferred certain charges on the floor of the House of Delegates against Hon. R. H. L. Chichester, judge of the fifteen judicial circuit, which said charges were referred to the Committee for Courts of Justice;

And whereas, the Committee for Courts of Justice has reported to the House of Delegates that a full and complete investigation of the said charges should be had;

Therefore, be it resolved by the House of Delegates of Virginia, That a special committee, consisting of five members of the House of Delegates, to be appointed by THE SPEAKER, shall fully investigate the aforesaid charges, and that said special committee be and it is hereby authorized to summon witnesses, require them to testify, and to send for persons and papers, if by it deemed necessary or proper.

The said special committee is authorized to hold its meetings during the recess of the General Assembly at such place or places as it may deem convenient, and to employ such stenographic and other assistance as it shall deem proper to take evidence in the said investigation.

The said special committee is authorized to make a full and thorough investigation of all charges affecting the judicial integrity or official conduct of Hon. R. H. L. Chichester, judge of the fifteenth judicial circuit, and report its findings to the House of Delegates at its next session.

The said special committee is directed to make such investigation at the earliest date practicable, and it is hereby expressly authorized to publish its findings in such manner as may be by it deemed wise as soon as the said investigation is completed.

MR. WILLIS moved to amend the resolution as follows: by inserting after the word "members," "from the Committee for Courts of Justice;" which was rejected.

MR. WEAVER of *Warren* offered the following substitute:

Whereas, in response to a request by the House of Delegates, the member from Spotsylvania has filed a certain statement in writing, having for its object the preferment of charges against the administration of the Hon. R. H. L. Chichester as judge of the fifteenth judicial circuit of Virginia;

And whereas, from the said statement so filed, there appears to be nothing whatsoever reflecting upon the moral, personal or judicial integrity of the said judge; and

Whereas, the member from Spotsylvania has stated in writing filed with the records of this body, that he made no charge "against Judge Chichester's private character or judicial integrity;"

Now, therefore be it resolved, That the House of Delegates of Virginia reaffirms its confidence in the integrity of the Hon. R. H. L. Chichester, believing as it does that the charges are solely the result of political differences and should not be dignified by any investigation.

Be it further resolved, That the statements made by the member from Spotsylvania county, on the floor of the House, charging political corruption, not being sustained by his own written statement, are unworthy of further consideration; which was rejected—yeas, 26; nays, 38.

On motion of MR. MONTAGUE the vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Birrell, Easley, Field, Grasty, Gunn, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Love, Massie, Miller, Montague, Noland, Pennington, Rolston, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Terrell, A. G. Weaver, White, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—26.

NAYS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Harris, Heflin, Huff, Johnson, Land, Lincoln, Meetze, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Oliver, Page, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Reed, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stubbs, Taylor, H. C. Weaver, Willis—38.

The resolution offered by MR. OLIVER was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to; which was rejected.

The morning hour being resumed, a communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate*, March 12, 1915.

The Senate have passed with amendments House bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 20 of an act approved January

30, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of South Boston, in the county of Halifax, fixing a maximum town levy and a maximum capitation tax for said town, No. 133; and they have passed Senate bill entitled an act to appropriate the sum of \$1,200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of funds not otherwise appropriated, to provide for additional clerical and stenographic services in the office of the Attorney General, No. 119; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 133, House bill, was, on motion of MR. KENT, placed on the calendar.

No. 119, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of MR. MYERS, the House adjourned.

EDWARD P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1915.

Prayer by MR. S. H. LOVE, the member from Lunenburg county.

On motion of MR. MEETZE, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate, by their Clerk, was read as follows:

*In Senate, March 13, 1915.*

The Senate have passed House bills entitled an act to declare certain cities to be parts of the 8th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 23rd judicial circuits for certain purposes, No. 115; an act to amend and re-enact section 1494 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the ages of persons admitted as pupils to the public free schools of the Commonwealth, No. 119; an act to add an independent section to an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, so as to provide for the rehearing of a petition for the sale of bonds for the purpose of building and improving the roads or bridges of any district in said county, No 122; an act ratifying the proceedings authorizing an issue of bonds by Lunenburg county for road improvement in Rehoboth magisterial district, No. 124; an act providing for the expenses of the members of the General As-



sembly for attendance upon the extended session beginning on March 8, 1915, No. 117; an act to authorize Cumberland county, from time to time as necessary, to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars in addition to the amount of twenty thousand dollars mentioned in the act approved March 25, 1911, pages 507 and 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1914, for the purpose of uniting in the building of roads in the said county of Cumberland upon the State aid plan, No. 127; an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Rocky Mount to contribute from the revenue of the town to the support and maintenance of a graded school in Rocky Mount school district, approved February 16, 1910, No. 128; an act authorizing the common council of the city of Winchester, Virginia, to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and issue the bonds of the city of Winchester therefor, No. 129; an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Stafford county to issue bonds to raise the funds necessary to pay off certain bonds issued in 1886, known as Falmouth bridge bonds, No. 130; an act to authorize and empower the several magisterial districts of Cumberland county to levy a license tax on all vehicles used or operated in said districts, for the purpose of raising revenue for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the public highways and bridges of said districts in said county, No. 131; an act to amend and re-enact section 11 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Houston, formerly Bannister, in the county of Halifax, approved February 22, 1890, No. 132; an act to validate certain coupon bonds issued by the town of South Boston, under date of April, 1900, payable thirty-four years after this date, with interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, aggregating twenty thousand dollars, said bonds being forty in number and of the denomination of five hundred dollars each, No. 134; an act to authorize the school board of Tanner's Creek magisterial district, Number 6, of the county of Norfolk, to borrow money for the purpose of school improvements in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in amount, No. 135; an act to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 10, 1915, entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purposes named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of

the same to the voters thereof, No. 136; an act to direct and require the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to advertise, issue and sell the bonds authorized by the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum, not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915, No. 138; an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to extend the time for collecting taxes accounted for by the city and county treasurers and not returned delinquent, approved March 24, 1914, No. 140; an act to appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$600.00, for the relief of needy Confederate women of Virginia who are not upon the State pension rolls and who are not inmates of any Confederate, independent or church home or charitable institution, the relief of such needy Confederate women to be effected by the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia issuing his warrants upon the State treasury to each beneficiary under this act, such beneficiary to be ascertained and determined by proof satisfactory to and furnished by a group of women known as the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, No. 142; an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds, and to build bridges and to macadamize roads in said county, etc., and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open, by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, approved March 7, 1900, and all acts amendatory thereof, No. 144; an act to repeal section 24 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 7, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved April 5, 1902, entitled an act to provide a road law for Campbell county, approved March 5, 1900, providing and regulating a road board for said county and directing the disbursement of the county road fund, approved February 8, 1908, as heretofore amended, and by adding thereto a new section (24) in lieu of the section hereby repealed, No. 145; an act to authorize and empower John Earle, W. B. Brown, R. Lee Sowers, A. J. Brown and M. C. Richardson, Jr., their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a public ferry across the Shenandoah River at or near Morgan's Ford, in Cedarville

magisterial district, in the county of Warren, Virginia, No. 146; an act for the relief of Henry Roach, of Charlotte county, No. 147.

They have agreed to House substitute to Senate bill entitled an act to enable certain Confederate veterans of Virginia to attend the reunion of Confederate Veterans in the city of Richmond in the month of June, 1915, No. 112.

They have concurred in House amendments to Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½a, 46½b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140 and 141 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, No. 11.

And they have passed Senate bill entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 10 of an act approved March 21, 1914, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved February 2, 1901, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Elba, Pittsylvania county, as amended by an act approved February 16, 1901, No. 117; in which they request the concurrence of the House of Delegates.

No. 117, Senate bill, was referred to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

No. 119, Senate bill to appropriate the sum of \$1,200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of funds not otherwise appropriated, to provide for additional clerical and stenographic services in the office of the Attorney General, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Appropriations.

No. 116, Senate bill to validate the recordation of memoranda of sales or contracts for the sale of goods and chattels wherein the title thereto, or a lien thereon, is reserved or the transfer of title is made to depend on any condition and possession is delivered to the vendee, having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee for Courts of Justice.

MR. HOBSON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to issue his warrant in favor of J. D. Davis, outside doorkeeper, for the sum of \$1.00 per day additional for his term of service during this session; which was agreed to.



MR. GUNN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be and he hereby is authorized and directed to issue his warrant on the Auditor of Public Accounts to the janitor in charge of the State flag for the sum of ten dollars as further compensation for the present session, said amount to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House; which was agreed to.

MR. PAGE offered the following resolution:

Whereas, it appears from the response of the State Corporation Commission to the joint resolution of the General Assembly of Virginia requesting certain information as to the assessment of railroad properties in Virginia (Senate document No. 3) that the said State Corporation Commission prior to 1910 had assessed the roadbed of the principal railroads of Virginia at \$16,000 per mile for single track and \$22,000 per mile for double track, for the purpose of taxation, State and local, and in 1910 and subsequent years assessed single track at \$20,000 per mile and double track at \$30,000 per mile for purpose of taxation, State and local; and

Whereas, it appears from the answer to a joint resolution in 1906 (Senate Journal document No. 4), that "the assessment of the physical properties of steam railroads for 1905 was \$65,818,314, and the franchise tax in 1905 was \$372,152.32, regarding this franchise tax as representing the value of the business, the earning capacity and other matters entering into the subject of the franchise as distinguished from physical property, we have calculated the amount which at the general rate of taxation, 35 cents on the \$100.00, would yield this amount of franchise tax, we find that \$106,329,520 would yield at tax of 35 cents on the \$100.00 \$372,153.32, adding this capitalized amount to the value of the physical property just above stated, we have \$172,147,834, which may be said to represent from the Virginia point of view the commercial value of the railroad corporate interests and properties in the State;"

Whereas, although the said State Corporation Commission thus ascertained the value of the physical properties of the railroads in 1905 to have been \$172,147,834, they assessed for taxation, State and local, only \$65,818,314, about one-third of said ascertained value, and by reason of this low assessment the State to the extent of 35 cents on the \$100.00 and the localities to the extent of an average of \$1.15 on the \$100.00, did suffer loss of revenue on \$106,329,520; and,

Whereas, Judge Robt. R. Prentiss, in his opinion in the matter of assessment of railway property in Virginia, dated October 12, 1910, in an argumentative way ascertains that the average value of the four longest roads in Virginia would be \$67,937.00 per mile, and that the average of all railroads in Virginia, including the cheapest

and shortest lines, thus ascertained, would be \$57,947.00 per mile, and yet bringing in the factor of capitalizing the franchise tax at 35 cent per \$100.00 the said Corporation Commission in 1910 made the aggregate assessment of the visible property of railroads in Virginia \$104,942,474 out of the sum ascertained of \$256,453,274, thus depriving the State of revenue at 35 cents on the \$100 and the localities more than three times that amount on \$151,510,800; and,

Whereas, the Constitution, section 176, provides that "the State Corporation Commission shall annually ascertain and assess \* \* \* the value of the roadbed and other real estate \* \* \* rolling stock, and \* \* \* all other personal property whatsoever (except its franchise and the non-taxable shares of stock issued by other corporations) in this State, of each railway corporation \* \* \* and such property shall be taxed for State, county, city, town and district purposes in the same manner as authorized by said law, at such rates of taxation as may be imposed by them respectively from time to time upon the real estate and personal property of natural persons."

Section 177 of the Constitution provides: "Each such railway or canal corporation \* \* \* shall also pay an annual State franchise tax equal to one per cent. upon the gross receipts hereinafter specified in section 178 for the privilege of exercising its franchise in this State."

Section 179 of the Constitution provides: "The State Corporation Commission shall, after thirty days' notice previously given, as provided by law, assess the value of the property not exempt from taxation of the corporation and ascertain the amount of the franchise tax and other State tax chargeable against it."

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That in the judgment of this House of Delegates, the said State Corporation Commission has misconstrued and misinterpreted the meaning of the said three sections of the Constitution, 176, 177 and 179. The railway companies pay the State of Virginia a franchise tax for the privilege of operating in this State, and in section 176, the words in brackets "(except its franchises, etc.)," simply mean that in assessing "all other personal property whatsoever" the Corporation Commission shall not assess the franchise, because that is to be paid for by the franchise tax on gross receipts. It is true, for this great and valuable right to operate over the territory of Virginia, the railroads pay more than \$600,000.00; but merchants, hotel keepers and others who pay license tax, other than liquor, pay more than \$800,000.00, and liquor licenses amount to more than \$400,000.00, and there is no more reason for capitalizing and deducting the franchise tax of railroad corporations when the commission assesses the physical properties of said corporations than there is for land assessors to

capitalize and deduct the license tax when they assess the real estate of merchants, hotel keepers and liquor dealers, and this Legislature expresses the hope that the State Corporation Commission in the future will reconsider its interpretation of the Constitution, State and local, without considering as a factor in making such assessment the franchise tax paid by such corporations, but that they will assess for taxation the value of the physical properties of said corporations as ascertained, without regard to said franchise tax and without capitalizing and deducting the same; which was agreed to.

MR. STEARNES moved that 500 copies of the resolution be printed; which was agreed to.

MR. TAYLOR offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates be instructed to draw his warrant on the Auditor of Public Accounts, out of the contingent fund of the House not otherwise appropriated, for the sum of ten dollars for each of the three (3) engineers at the electric light and power plant; which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Senate, by MR. HOLT, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to House joint resolution consenting to the introduction of a bill to abolish the dispensary at Scottsville.

THE SPEAKER appointed MR. MYERS a member of the Committee on Enrolled Bills in place of MR. FRANKLIN.

The morning hour having expired, the House proceeded to the business on the calendar.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills were concurred in:

No. 82, House bill to amend and re-enact section 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof—yeas, 62; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spessard, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—62.

NAY—Mr. Reed, 1.

No. 125, House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act



to authorize the school board of Jerusalem magisterial district, Southampton county, Virginia, to borrow money for the purpose to pay off school indebtedness in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding \$12,000 in amount, approved March 7, 1912—yeas, 70; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Earman, Easley, Field, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, White, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—70.

No. 133, House bill to amend and re-enact section 20 of an act approved January 30, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of South Boston, in the county of Halifax, fixing a maximum town levy and a maximum capitation tax for said town—yeas, 80; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousin, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grant, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—80.

No. 116, House bill to appropriate the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the prevention and eradication of the foot and mouth disease among the live stock of this State, and to confer upon the Governor, the chairman of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the State Veterinarian certain powers in relation thereto, and to appropriate the further sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of employing assistant veterinarians, and for other necessary expenses in the protection of live stock in this State from infectious, contagious and communicable diseases and to require a detailed report of the expenditure of said funds—yeas, 67; nays, 4.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning,

Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crockett, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Huff, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Leedy, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Robertson, Rolston, Harry B. Smith, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—67.

NAYS—Messrs. Field, Gordon, Hughes, Powers—4.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes, by which the amendments proposed by the Senate to Nos. 82, 125, 133 and 116, House bills, were concurred in, were rejected.

MR. STEARNES, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on No. 102, House bill to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to add a new section thereto, hereby designated as section 29½, providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning and other car companies, operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies, presented the following report:

Your conferees, on House bill No. 102, beg to report as follows: We recommend that on page 12, line 50, of the bill as amended by the Senate, strike out the word "one" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one and one-eighth;" on page 13, line 70, strike out the word "one" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one and one-eighth;" on page 13, line 76, strike out the word "one" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one and one-eighth;" on page 14, line 82, strike out the word "one" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one and one-eighth;" on page 29, line 42, strike out the word "one" and insert in lieu thereof the words "one and one-eighth."

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. STEARNES,

H. C. WEAVER,

ROBERT L. PENNINGTON,

*Conferees on the part of the House.*

C. O'CONNOR GOOLRICH,

P. H. DREWRY,

W. D. BLANKS,

*Conferees on the part of the Senate.*

The report of the committee of conference was adopted—yeas, 79; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crockett, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Field, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Green, Gregory, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Kinsey, Land, Lewis, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Rolston, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stephenson, Stubbs, Terrell, Tiffany, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—79.

NAY—Mr. Crawford—1.

MR. STEARNES moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the committee of conference was adopted; which was rejected.

Ordered that MR. STEARNES inform the Senate that the House had adopted the report of the committee of conference.

No. 119, Senate bill to appropriate the sum of \$1,200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of funds not otherwise appropriated, to provide for additional clerical and stenographic services in the office of the Attorney General, was, on motion of MR. MONTAGUE, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was rejected—yeas, 39; nays, 26.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, Dalton, John Orr Daniel, Duke, Fuller, Green, Gunn, Hobson, Horner, Kent, Lincoln, Looney, Love, Lowry, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Norris, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stearnes, Steck, Stubbs, Tiffany, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—39.

NAYS—Messrs. Bonifant, Browning, Commins, Crockett, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Earman, Flanagan, Franklin, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Harrison, Huff, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Kinsey, Leedy, Noland, Oliver, Pitts, Stephenson, Terrell, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver—26.

MR. LEEDY moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to dispense with the reading of the bill; which was agreed to.

The question being on dispensing with the several readings of the bill, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 56; nays, 4.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Easley, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Heflin, Hobson, Houston, Johnson, Leedy, Lincoln, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Penning-



ton, Pitts, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stubbs, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—56.

NAYS—Messrs. Huff, Jordan, Powers, Stephenson—4.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 62; nays, 9.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barley, Birrell, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Cawthorn, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Dalton, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Grasty, Gunn, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Houston, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Norris, Oliver, Owen, Page, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Francis W. Smith, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stubbs, Taylor, Terrell, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—62.

NAYS—Messrs. Bonifant, Crockett, Field, Huff, Jordan, Pitts, Powers, Stephenson, Willis—9.

No. 116, Senate bill to validate the recordation of memoranda of sales or contracts for the sale of goods and chattels wherein the title thereto, or a lien thereon, is reserved or the transfer of title is made to depend on any condition, and possession is delivered the vendee, was, on motion of MR. LAND, taken up out of its order on the calendar.

MR. LAND moved to dispense with the several readings of the bill required by section 50 of the Constitution; which was agreed to—yeas, 55; nays, none.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Birrell, Brewer, Brown, Browning, Chalkley, Chapman, Crawford, J. William Daniel, Duke, Ferebee, Fuller, Grant, Grasty, Gunn, Harris, Harrison, Heffin, Hobson, Horner, Johnson, Jordan, Kent, Land, Lincoln, Love, Lowry, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Pennington, Philpott, Powell, Powers, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Harry B. Smith, Spatig, Stephenson, Stubbs, Taylor, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—55.

The question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative—yeas, 51; nay, 1.

The vote required by the Constitution, this being an emergency act, was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Adams, Birrell, Bonifant, Branscomb, Brewer, Brown, Chalkley, Chapman, Commins, Crawford, Crockett, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Duke, Ferebee, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Gunn, Harris, Heffin, Hobson, Houston, Hughes, Johnson, Jordan, Land, Leedy, Looney, Love, Lowry, Malbon, Massie, Meetze, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Noland, Oliver, Owen, Philpott, Pitts, Powell, Powers, Price, Reed, Rew, Robertson, Spatig, Stubbs, Taylor, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—51.

NAY—Mr. Gregory—1.

Motions severally made to reconsider the votes by which Nos. 119 and 116, Senate bills, were passed, were rejected.

No. 72, House bill to provide that the Auditor of Public Accounts shall be required to fix the date as of which all intangible property shall be assessed and assessable, and to repeal all laws inconsistent therewith, was read at length a third time and rejected—yeas, 37; nays, 31.

The vote required by the Constitution was recorded as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Barley, Brewer, Brown, Commins, Cousins, Crawford, Crockett, J. William Daniel, Dodson, Flanagan, Franklin, Fuller, Gordon, Grasty, Gregory, Gunn, Harrison, Heflin, Hobson, Huff, Johnson, Noland, Oliver, Philpott, Powell, Price, Reed, Spatig, Spessard, Stearnes, Stephenson, Walton, A. G. Weaver, H. C. Weaver, Williams, Willis, Winston—37.

NAYS—Messrs. Baker, Bonifant, Browning, Cawthorn, Chapman, Dalton, Duke, Earman, Easley, Ferebee, Field, Hughes, Leedy, Lincoln, Love, Massie, Miller, Milstead, Montague, Myers, Nelson, Owen, Page, Pennington, Pitts, Powers, Rew, Robertson, Stubbs, Woodward and Mr. Speaker—31.

MR. MONTAGUE moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was rejected; which was rejected.

On motion of MR. WILLIAMS, the chair was vacated until 4 o'clock P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour of 4 o'clock P. M. having arrived, THE SPEAKER resumed the chair.

THE SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication:

NORFOLK, VA., March, 13, 1915

HON. EDWIN P. COX,

*Speaker House of Delegates.*

*Richmond, Va.:*

I am instructed by the Norfolk County Democratic Association to extend to you and the members of the House of Delegates a cordial invitation to attend the dinner to be given at the Monticello Hotel on Friday, March 26th, at seven thirty P. M., to the Honorable C. J. Duke, D. C. Ferebee and W. C. Corbitt, in recognition of their faithful and efficient services in the General Assembly.

A. C. PHILPOTTS,

*Secretary Norfolk County Democratic Association.*

MR. ROBERTSON offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates, That we hereby desire to tender to our Speaker, HON. EDWIN P. COX, this expression of our high esteem for him as a man, for his unwavering courtesy to all the members of this House, for his impartiality in the discharge of his duty as the presiding officer of this House during the regular and extraordinary session of the same, when to do so required a great deal of forbearance and patience, as well as consideration for those over whom he was called to preside.

We feel that in extending this expression to our Speaker we are but poorly setting forth our feelings on this occasion when the closing hour of our tedious session has arrived.

We, therefore, extend to him our heartfelt thanks for his able and impartial work as presiding officer, and wish for him long years of usefulness and happiness.

Resolved further, That we hereby extend to our most faithful clerk, Col. John W. Williams, and his assistants and other clerks, sergeant-at-arms and doorkeepers and others of the assistants in the work of this session our deep appreciation of our gratitude to them for their work in this extra session of the Assembly, and wish for them all good things in this life; which was agreed to.

MR. OLIVER offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Virginia, That we extend to the representatives of the press our thanks and sincere appreciation for the eminently fair treatment which they have accorded to the membership of the House of Delegates during the present session of the General Assembly; which was agreed to.

All other business having been suspended THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 117. House bill providing for the expenses of the members of the General Assembly in attending the extended session beginning on March 8, 1915.

No. 114. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1 and section 16 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to provide for creating, working and maintaining public roads in Fairfax county, and defining the boundaries of the same, approved March 14, 1904, approved March 8, 1906, approved March 14, 1908, approved March 11, 1912.

No. 104. Senate bill to make incorporated towns which maintain their own roads free from expense to the magisterial district in which they are located, or which are exempt by the express provisions of their charters from the payment of district road taxes, separate road districts within the county or counties in which they are situated.

No. 113. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 6 and 12 of an act entitled an act to annex additional territory to the city of Norfolk, and provide for the government of the said annexed territory, approved March 14, 1902.

No. 124. Senate bill to repeal an act entitled an act to incor-



porate the town of Clinchport, in Scott county, approved March 2, 1894.

No. 108. Senate bill to empower the board of supervisors of Princess Anne county to purchase or acquire certain toll roads and toll bridges in said county.

No. 81. Senate bill to create a road board for Haytokah magisterial district of Nottoway county, and to provide for the working and repairing of roads in such district.

No. 70. Senate bill to amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to the approximate apportionment and disbursement of State school funds.

No. 109. Senate bill to authorize Northampton county to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of building, improving and maintaining the public roads of Eastville magisterial district in said county.

MR. MYERS moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Monday at 3 o'clock P. P.; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. MYERS, the House adjourned.

EDWARD P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1915.

On motion of MR. KENT, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

A communication from the Senate by their clerk was read as follows:

*In Senate, March 13, 1915.*

The Senate have passed House bills entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity of commercial fertilizers, and the guarantee and condition upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties incurred for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved December 28, 1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914, No. 74; an act to appropriate

the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars to help defray the expenses of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues battalion as escort to the Governor of Virginia on Virginia Day at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, California, No. 141; an act to require the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania county to let the printing of the receipts and disbursements of taxes, levies, tolls, etc., and other printing and newspaper work to the lowest bidder, No. 143.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 66. Senate bill making it a misdemeanor for a husband to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his wife or for a parent to desert or neglect to provide for the support of his child or children under the age of sixteen years, prescribing the penalty therefor, and making provisions for the apprehension and punishment of persons convicted of non-support, and providing that persons convicted of non-support shall be sent to the convict road force in certain contingencies, providing for the taking of recognizances, and for the forfeiture and enforcement of said recognizances, providing for the appointment of probation officers and prescribing their duties and powers, and making chief of police and sheriff probation officers in certain contingencies.

No. 123. Senate bill to provide for the draining of the public highways of Accomac county through lands adjacent to said highways.

No. 17. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 5 and 6 of an act entitled an act to define and classify industrial sick benefit companies and association, approved March 16, 1910.

No. 95. Senate bill to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of reports of purchases by merchants and the review of the annual returns and assessments of intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials and fixing their compensation therefor, and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled an act to create a State advisory board on taxation and county and city boards of review of assessments, to define the powers and duties of such boards, to fix the compensation of their members and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this act, to provide for the review of assessments on intangible personal property, income and money by certain officials, and fixing their compensation therefor, and to pro-

vide penalties for the violation of this act, approved February 16, 1915.

No. 94. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to repeal an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact sections 8 and 9 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, approved February 18, 1915.

No. 146. House bill to authorize and empower John Earle, W. B. Brown, R. Lee Sowers, A. J. Brown and M. C. Richardson, Jr., their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a public ferry across the Shenandoah river at or near Morgan's Ford in Cedarville magisterial district, in the county of Warren, Virginia,

No. 147. House bill for the relief of Henry Roach, of Charlotte county.

No. 136. House bill to amend and re-enact an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved February 10, 1915, entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Brookneal, in the county of Campbell, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining streets, sidewalks and water mains, provided that the question of such bond issue for the purposes named be first submitted to the qualified voters of said town, and to authorize such council to call a special election for the submission of the same to the voters thereof.

No. 116. House bill to appropriate the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the prevention and eradication of the foot and mouth disease among the live stock of this State, and to confer upon the Governor, the chairman of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board and the State Veterinarian, certain powers in relation thereto, and to appropriate the further sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of employing assistant veterinarians and for other necessary expenses in the protection of live stock in this State from infectious, contagious and communicable diseases, and to require a detailed report of the expenditure of said funds.

No. 82. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions,



as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

MR. OLIVER moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, March 17, 1915, at 3 o'clock P. M.; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. MYERS, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1915.

On motion of MR. FULLER, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

MR. OLIVER offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Printing be directed to print 3,500 copies each of the following bills: House bill 103, Senate bill 21, Senate bill 94, Senate bill 95, and that he be directed to mail 20 copies each of said bills to the members of the General Assembly and the remaining copies to be used for general distribution; which was agreed to.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bills which had been passed by both houses, and duly enrolled, the titles of said bills having been publicly read:

No. 145. House bill to repeal section 24 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved March 1, 1906, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act approved April 2, 1902, entitled an act to provide a road law for Campbell county, approved March 5, 1900, providing and regulating a road board for said county and directing the disbursement of the county road fund, approved February 8, 1908, as heretofore amended, and adding thereto a new section (24) in lieu of the section hereby repealed.

No. 132. House bill to amend and re-enact section 11 of an act entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act to incorporate the town of Houston, formerly Bannister, in the county of Halifax, approved February 22, 1890.

No. 130. House bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Stafford county to issue bonds to raise the funds necessary to pay off certain bonds issued in 1886, known as Falmouth bridge bonds.

No. 129. House bill authorizing the common council of the city

of Winchester, Virginia, to borrow the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and issue the bonds of the city of Winchester therefor.

No. 128. House bill to amend and re-enact an act approved March 16, 1910, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to empower the council of the town of Rocky Mount to contribute from the revenue of the town to the support and maintenance of a graded school in Rocky Mount school district, approved February 16, 1901.

No. 127. House bill to authorize Cumberland county from time to time as necessary to borrow money and issue bonds for a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, in addition to the amount of twenty thousand dollars mentioned in the act approved March 25, 1914, pages 507 and 508, of the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1914, for the purpose of uniting in the building of roads in the said county of Cumberland upon the State aid plan.

No. 124. House bill ratifying the proceedings authorizing an issue of bonds by Lunenburg county for road improvement in Rehoboth magisterial district.

No. 112. Senate bill to authorize the boards of supervisors of the counties and councils of cities and towns to appropriate money at their discretion to defray the necessary expenses for the Confederate veterans of said counties, cities and towns to visit Richmond on June 1, 2 and 3, 1915, at the grand reunion of the United Confederate Veterans.

No. 115. House bill to declare certain cities to be parts of the 8th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 20th and 23rd judicial circuits for certain purposes.

No. 119. House bill to amend and re-enact section 1494 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the ages of persons admitted as pupils to the public free schools of the Commonwealth.

No. 122. House bill to add an independent section to an act entitled an act to provide for opening and keeping in repair the public roads of Pulaski county, as amended by an act approved March 14, 1908, so as to provide for the rehearing of a petition for the sale of bonds for the purpose of building and improving the roads or bridges of any district in said county.

No. 93. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 450, 451, 456, 458, 462, 464, 466, 468, 471, 486, 487, 489, 491, 494, 496, 497, 498, 503, 504, 511, 520, 527, 548, 550, 553, 555, 556, 561 and 578 of chapter 24 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, and to repeal sections 465, 502, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521 and 544 of the same chapter of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, said chapter 24 having relation to the assessment of taxes on persons and property, licenses, and so forth.

No. 125. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to authorize the school board of Jerusalem magisterial district, Southampton county, Virginia, to borrow money for the purpose to pay off school indebtedness in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding \$12,000 in amount, approved March 7, 1912.

No. 143. House bill to require the board of supervisors of Spotsylvania county to let the printing of the receipts and disbursements of taxes, levies, tolls, etc., and other printing and newspaper work to the lowest bidder.

No. 134. House bill to validate certain coupon bonds issued by the town of South Boston, under date of April 2, 1900, payable thirty-four years after their date, with interest at the rate of four and one-half per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, aggregating twenty thousand dollars, said bonds being forty in number and of the denomination of five hundred dollars each.

No. 135. House bill to authorize the school board of Tanners Creek magisterial district No. 6, of the county of Norfolk, to borrow money for the purpose of school improvements in said district, and to issue bonds therefor, not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars in amount.

No. 138. House bill to direct and require the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to advertise, issue and sell the bonds authorized by the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the board of supervisors of Norfolk county to borrow a sum not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for the purpose of purchasing and improving roads and bridges in said county, and to issue bonds therefor, secured by deed of trust or other lien on the interest of said county in the Norfolk county ferries, to provide for the payment of said bonds, to create and authorize a commission to dispense the funds so obtained, and authorize the circuit court of said county, or the judge thereof in vacation, to appoint the members of said commission, approved February 1, 1915.

No. 140. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to extend the time for collecting taxes accounted for by the city and county treasurers and not returned delinquent, approved March 24, 1914.

No. 142. House bill to appropriate a sum of money not to exceed \$600 for the relief of needy Confederate women of Virginia who are not upon the State pension rolls and who are not inmates of any Confederate, independent or church home or charitable institutions, the relief to such needy Confederate women to be effected by the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia issuing his warrants upon the State treasury to each beneficiary under this act, such beneficiary to be ascertained and determined by proof satisfactory



to and furnished by a group of women known as the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

No. 133. House bill to amend and re-enact section 20 of an act approved January 30, 1888, entitled an act to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of South Boston, in the county of Halifax, fixing a maximum town levy and a maximum capitation tax for said town.

No. 116. Senate bill to validate the recordation of memoranda of sales or contracts for the sale of goods and chattels wherein the title thereto or a lien thereon is reserved or the transfer of title is made to depend on any condition, and possession is delivered to the vendee.

No. 119. Senate bill to appropriate the sum of \$1,200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of funds not otherwise appropriated, to provide for additional clerical and stenographic services in the office of the Attorney General.

No. 141. House bill to appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars to help defray the expenses of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues battalion as escort to the Governor of Virginia on Virginia Day at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, California.

No. 120. House bill declaring who shall be entitled to vote in any special election upon the question of the removal of a courthouse.

No. 102. House bill to amend and re-enact sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34 and 35 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools, and to pay the interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution of Virginia, approved April 16, 1903, as heretofore amended, and to add a new section thereto, hereby designated as section 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ , providing for a tax on express companies, refrigerator, oil, stock, fruit and other car loaning and other car companies operating upon the railroads in this State, except sleeping car, dining car, drawing-room car and palace car companies.

No. 131. House bill to authorize and empower the several magisterial districts of Cumberland county to levy a license tax on all vehicles used or operated in said districts for the purpose of raising revenue for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the public highways and bridges of said districts in said county.

No. 105. Senate bill to authorize the mayor and council of the city of Williamsburg, in the county of James City, State of Virginia, to issue bonds and borrow money for the purpose of establishing, installing and maintaining a system of water works, a sewerage system, and electric light and power system in said city of Williams-

burg, and to provide for submission of the question to the voters of said city, and to provide for the payment of such bonds and the interest to accrue thereon, and to authorize the board of directors of the Eastern State hospital to contract with the mayor and council of said city of Williamsburg for the sale and purchase of water and connection with the water and sewerage systems of said Eastern State hospital, and to authorize the board of visitors of the College of William and Mary in Virginia to contract with the mayor and council of said city for the sale and purchase of electric current for light and power, and for connection with the electric plant and system of the said The College of William and Mary in Virginia.

No. 74. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to protect and advance agriculture by regulating the sale and purity of commercial fertilizers, and the guarantee and condition upon which they are to be sold, and fixing penalties incurred for violation of same, approved February 24, 1890, as amended by an act approved March 8, 1894, as amended by an act approved March 5, 1896, as amended by an act approved December 22, 1897, as amended by an act approved December 28, 1899, as amended by an act approved February 25, 1908, as amended by an act approved March 25, 1914.

No. 144. House bill to amend and re-enact an act entitled an act to provide for working and keeping in repair the public roads and bridges of the county of Washington, and to authorize the board of supervisors to borrow money by the issue of bonds, and to build bridges and to macadamize roads in said county, etc., and to authorize the board of supervisors of said county to open, by condemnation or otherwise, alter, discontinue, work and keep in order and repair the public roads and bridges of said county, approved March 7, 1900, and all acts amendatory thereof.

MR. MYERS moved that when the House adjourns to-day, it adjourn to meet on Friday, at 11:30 o'clock A. M.; which was agreed to.

On motion of MR. MYERS, the House adjourned.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1915.

On motion of MR. MYERS, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

THE SPEAKER and Clerk signed the Journal as provided by Rule 3.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. OLIVER, STEPHENSON, BARLEY, SPATIG and COMMINS the committee authorized under resolution in relation to the investigation of certain charges against Judge R. H. L. Chichester by MR. POWELL, the member from the county of Spotsylvania and city of Fredericksburg.

THE SPEAKER appointed MR. LAND a member of the Auditing Committee in the place of MR. SPATIG, resigned.

MR. MYERS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to issue his warrants in favor of the three firemen at the engine house and the two elevator men for ten dollars each, and to S. M. O'Bannon and D. C. Zolickoffer for twenty-five dollars each for extra work in connection with this extra session; which was agreed to.

All other business having been suspended, THE SPEAKER, in the presence of the House, signed the following bill, which had been passed by both houses and duly enrolled, the title of said bill having been publicly read:

No 11. Senate bill to amend and re-enact sections 45, 46, 46½, 46½a, 46½b, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 51a, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 92½, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 97½, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106½, 107, 108, 109, 109½, 110, 111, 111½, 112, 113, 113½, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 118a, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140 and 141 of an act entitled an act to raise revenue for the support of the government and public free schools and to pay interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions, as authorized by section 189 of the Constitution, approved April 16, 1903, and acts amendatory thereof.

MR. MYERS offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That a committee of five on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate be appointed to inform the Governor that the General Assembly is ready to adjourn *sine die*, and inquire if he has any communication to make.

Ordered that MR. MYERS carry the resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.



A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. WENDENBURG, who informed the House that the Senate had agreed to the resolution.

THE SPEAKER appointed MESSRS. MYERS, FULLER, GUNN, OLIVER and HOBSON the committee on the part of the House.

The committee subsequently reported that they had waited upon the Governor and had been informed by him that he had no communication to make to the General Assembly.

Ordered that Mr. HOBSON inform the Senate that the House is ready on its part to adjourn *sine die*.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. CANNON, who informed the House that the Senate is ready on its part to adjourn *sine die*.

On motion of Mr. OLIVER, THE SPEAKER, at 11:58 A. M., declared the House adjourned *sine die*.

EDWIN P. COX, *Speaker*.

JNO. W. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

# ERRATA

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Page 127, after line 9 from top of page, insert:

No. 32 Senate Bill. To repeal an act entitled an act to establish a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the town of Boydton, Mecklenburg county, and within one mile of the corporate limits of said town, approved February 14, 1901; having been considered by the committee in session, was reported from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

Page 135, after the word "House" in line 6 from bottom, insert "the resolution was agreed to."

Page 236, line 20 from top, "No 14 House Bill," should be "No. 14 Senate Bill."

Page 249, line 14 from bottom, "Mr. Holand," should be "Mr. Noland."

Page 279, lines 5 and 6 from top of page, strike out the words "the question being shall the bill pass, was put and decided in the affirmative," and insert "the bill was read at length a third time and passed."

Page 280, after "conference," in line 22 from top, insert "which was agreed to."

Page 280, after "conference," in line 6 from bottom, insert "which was agreed to."

Page 362, line 18 from top, "No. 11" should be "No. 111."

Page 418, line 14 from top, "No. 123, Senate bill," should be "No. 113, Senate Bill."

Page 438, line 14 from top, "No. 1268," should be "No. 126."

In each of the following cases, strike out the phrase, "by the following vote:"

Page 140, line 16 from top.

Page 181, lines 11 and 12 from bottom.

Page 183, line 3 from bottom.

Page 186, line 10 from bottom.

Page 187, line 10 from top.

Page 194, line 12 from top.

Page 204, line 11 from bottom.

Page 214, line 17 from top.

Page 214, line 17 from bottom.

Page 216, lines 18 and 19 from top.

Page 217, lines 4 and 5 from top.

Page 227, line 7 from top.

Page 227, line 17 from bottom.

Page 232, line 17 from top.

Page 232, line 16 from bottom.

Page 233, line 12 from top.

Page 240, lines 2 and 3 from bottom.

Page 241, line 15 from top.

Page 241, line 15 from bottom.

Page 242, line 4 from top.

- Page 243, line 10 from top.
- Page 243, line 17 from bottom.
- Page 246, line 3 from top.
- Page 246, line 19 from top.
- Page 246, line 7 from bottom.
- Page 249, line 11 from bottom.
- Page 250, line 3 from top.
- Page 251, lines 16 and 17 from bottom.
- Page 252, line 17 from top.
- Page 256, line 21 from top.
- Page 258, line 15 from top.
- Page 258, line 15 from bottom.



## MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

WHO SERVED DURING THE

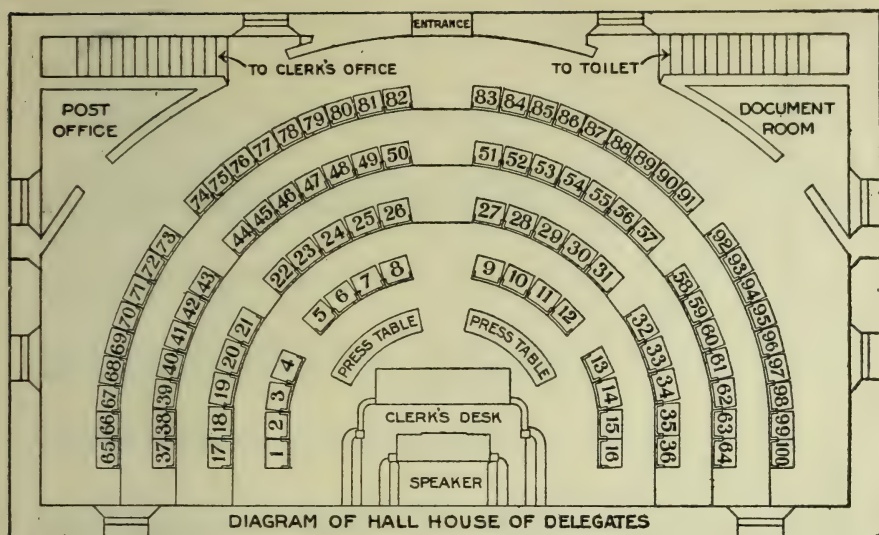
Extra Session Commencing January 13, 1915, and Terminating  
March 19, 1915.

EDWIN P. COX, SPEAKER, Richmond City.

NAME.	COUNTY OR CITY	NAME.	COUNTY OR CITY
Adams, Berkeley D....	Charlotte.	Land, W. A.....	Nottoway.
Baker, W. W.....	Chesterfield.	Leedy, Robt. F.....	Page.
Barley, E. V.....	Botetourt.	Lewis, John T.....	Mecklenburg.
Birrell, J. Fred.....	Alexandria.	Lincoln, A. T.....	Smyth.
Bonifant, Berner M.....	Powhatan.	Looney, John A.....	Buchanan.
Branscomb, J. R.....	Carroll.	Love, S. H.....	Lunenburg.
Brewer, Richard L., Jr..	Nansemond.	Lowry, H. C.....	Bedford.
Brown, Thos. ....	Westmoreland.	Malbon, J. T.....	Princess Anne.
Browning, George L....	Orange.	Massie, W. P.....	Amherst.
Buck, E. C.....	Washington.	Meetze, C. J.....	Prince William
Cawthorn, J. W., Jr....	Appomattox.	Miller, C. O.....	Shenandoah.
Chalkley, Jno. W.....	Wise.	Milstead, E. W.....	Newport News.
Chapman, Geo. D.....	Isle of Wight.	Montague, Hill .....	Richmond city.
Clement, S. F.....	Pittsylvania.	Myers, William M....	Richmond city.
Commins, T. C.....	King William.	Nelson, Frank .....	Campbell.
Cousins, W. P.....	Norfolk city.	Noland, B. F.....	Loudoun.
Cox, Edwin P.....	Richmond city.	Norris, Robert O., Jr..	Lancaster.
Crawford, Joel .....	Sussex.	Oliver, Walter Transil.	Fairfax.
Crockett, John H.....	Wythe.	Owen, D. W.....	Halifax.
Dalton, Booker .....	Patrick.	Page, Samuel M.....	Albemarle.
Daniel, John Orr .....	Loudoun.	Pennington, Robt. L...	Lee.
Daniel, J. William....	Middlesex.	Philpott, A. B.....	Henry.
Dodson, R. L.....	Pittsylvania.	Pitts, D. H.....	Albemarle.
Duke, Charles J.....	Norfolk county.	Powell, S. P.....	Spotsylvania.
Earman, Geo. N.....	Rockingham.	Powers, David B., Jr.	Caroline.
Easley, Jno. D.....	Lynchburg.	Price, R. W.....	Petersburg.
Ferebee, L. C.....	Norfolk county	Radford, du Val.....	Bedford.
Field, W. W.....	Madison.	Reed, J. Davis.....	Portsmouth.
Flanagan, U. G.....	Montgomery.	Rew, J. Harry.....	Accomac.
Franklin, Barton B....	Floyd.	Robertson, Thos. B....	Northampton.
Fuller, Edward R.....	Richmond city.	Rolston, Chas. H.....	Rockingham.
Grant, Chas. W.....	Russell.	Smith, Francis W.....	King and Queen.
Grasty, Jas. H. C.....	Augusta.	Smith, Harry B.....	Culpeper.
Green, Berryman .....	Danville.	Spatig, I. E.....	Brunswick.
Gregory, Roger T.....	New Kent.	Spessard, N. E.....	Craig.
Gordon, R. L., Jr.....	Louisa.	Stearnes, O. L.....	Roanoke county
Gunn, Julien .....	Henrico.	Steck, John M.....	Fredrick.
Harris, Jno. Y.....	Dinwiddie.	Stephenson, John W....	Bath.
Harrison, David A.....	Prince George.	Stubbs, James N.....	Gloucester.
Harvey, James T.....	Nelson.	Taylor, Herbert J.....	Augusta.
Heflin, James O.....	King George.	Terrell, A. J.....	Buckingham.
Hobson, Graham B.....	Richmond city.	Tiffany, W. N.....	Fauquier.
Horner, Guy T.....	Southampton.	Walton, W. B.....	Hanover.
Houston, Harry R.....	Elizabeth city.	Weaver, Aubrey G.....	Warren.
Huff, A. J.....	Washington.	Weaver, H. C.....	Grayson.
Hughes, E. Tucker....	Fluvanna.	White, Hugh A.....	Rockbridge.
Johnson, John Henry..	Scott.	Williams, Martin .....	Giles.
Jordan, O. E.....	Pulaski.	Willis, R. H.....	Roanoke city.
Kent, S. T. A.....	Halifax.	Winston, Peter .....	Prince Edward.
Kinsey, Daniel A.....	Franklin.	Woodward, S. A.....	Norfolk city.

## OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME.	OFFICE.	COUNTY OR CITY
Cox, Edwin P.....	Speaker .....	Richmond city.
Williams, John W.....	Clerk and K. of R.....	Giles.
Greene, Geo. O.....	Assistant Clerk .....	Alleghany.
Garnett, H. T.....	Enrolling Clerk .....	King George.
Lindsay, George .....	Journal Clerk .....	Norfolk county.
Gardner, Thos. W.....	Reading Clerk .....	Richmond city.
Johnston, J. M.....	Sergeant-at-Arms .....	Rockbridge.
Newhouse, S. M.....	Doorkeeper .....	Culpeper.
Truslow, C. A.....	Doorkeeper .....	Stafford.
Davis, J. D.....	Doorkeeper .....	Richmond city.
Sharp, J. H.....	Doorkeeper .....	Richmond city.
Loving, John T.....	Engrossing Clerk .....	Pulaski.
Lilliston, W. J.....	Committee Clerk .....	Accomac.
Love, F. O.....	Committee Clerk .....	Lunenburg.
Williams, W. C.....	Committee Clerk .....	Richmond city.
Beverley, W. W.....	Committee Clerk .....	Richmond city.
Hedderly, Edgar .....	Committee Clerk .....	Halifax.
Russell, E. O.....	Committee Clerk .....	Loudoun.
Stubbs, J. D.....	Committee Clerk .....	Gloucester.
Potts, J. D.....	Committee Clerk .....	Richmond city.
Logan, Houston .....	Page .....	Washington.
Cousins, E. D.....	Page .....	Pittsylvania.
Brown, B. Frank.....	Page .....	Westmoreland.
Morgan, Thomas .....	Page .....	Charlotte.
Oneal, J. Irving .....	Page .....	Henrico.
Turner, Reginald W.....	Page .....	Loudoun.
Clark, W. B.....	Page .....	Buckingham.
Talley, Lucien .....	Page .....	Hanover.
Land, Henry C.....	Page .....	Nottoway.
Blankenship, J. M.....	Page .....	Richmond city.
Nelson, M. H.....	Page .....	Richmond city.
Rye, Joseph .....	Page .....	Richmond city.
Stevenson, Richard .....	Page .....	Richmond city.
Sewell, D. C.....	Page .....	Lee.



## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, SHOWING NUMBER OF SEAT.

EDWIN P. COX, SPEAKER.

Adams, Berkeley D.	32	Gregory, Roger T...	7	Oliver, Walter T....	27
Baker, W. W.....	8	Gordon, R. L., Jr....	33	Owen, D. W.....	45
Barley, E. V.....	23	Gunn, Julien .....	51	Page, Samuel M....	54
Birrell, J. Fred....	74	Harris, Jno. Y.....	42	Pennington, Robt. L.	89
Bonifant, Berner M.	78	Harrison, David A.	38	Philpott, A. B.....	61
Branscomb, J. R....	99	Harvey, James T....	60	Pitts, D. H.....	47
Brewer, Richd. L., Jr.	52	Heflin, James O....	79	Powell, S. P.....	96
Brown, Thos. ....	49	Hobson, Graham B.	50	Powers, David B., Jr.	19
Browning, Geo. L...	1	Horner, Guy T.....	2	Price, R. W.....	57
Buck, E. C. ....	70	Houston, Harry R...	83	Radford, du Val....	77
Cawthorn, J. W., Jr.	67	Huff, A. J.....	71	Reed, J. Davis....	26
Chalkley, Jno. W...	29	Hughes, E. Tucker.	20	Rew, J. Harry....	46
Chapman, Geo. D...	86	Johnson, John Henry	72	Robertson, Thos. B.	14
Clement, S. F.....	13	Jordan, O. E.....	55	Rolston, Chas. H...	4
Commins, T. C.....	59	Kent, S. T. A.....	44	Smith, Francis W...	16
Cousins, W. P.....	95	Kinsey, Daniel A...	94	Smith, Harry B....	82
Crawford, Joel ....	41	Land, W. A.....	30	Spatig, I. E.....	43
Crockett, John H....	66	Leedy, Robt. F.....	69	Spessard, N. E.....	31
Dalton, Booker ....	35	Lewis, John T.....	39	Stearnes, O. L....	65
Daniel, John Orr...	73	Lincoln, A. T.....	64	Steck, John M.....	11
Daniel, J. William..	68	Looney, John A....	97	Stephenson, John W.	12
Dodson, R. L.....	81	Love, S. H. ....	88	Stubbs, James N...	22
Duke, Charles J....	75	Lowry, H. C.....	10	Taylor, Herbert J...	91
Earman, Geo. N....	100	Malbon, J. T.....	3	Terrell, A. J.....	56
Easley, Jno. D.....	85	Massie, W. P.....	36	Tiffany, W. N.....	40
Ferebee, L. C.....	76	Meetze, C. J.....	24	Walton, W. B.....	58
Field, W. W.....	17	Miller, C. O.....	53	Weaver, Aubrey G...	84
Flanagan, U. G....	63	Milstead, E. W....	21	Weaver, H. C.....	98
Franklin, Barton B.	62	Montague, Hill ....	9	White, Hugh A....	6
Fuller, Edward R...	28	Myers, William M...	5	Williams, Martin ..	48
Grant, Chas. W....	34	Nelson, Frank ....	87	Willis, R. H.....	18
Grasty, Jas. H. C...	90	Noland, B. F.....	92	Winston, Peter ....	15
Green, Berryman ..	80	Norris, Robt. O., Jr.	25	Woodward, S. A....	93



# Copy of the Record of the Keeper of the Rolls

Of the Receipt, enrollment, signing, delivery to Governor, approval and return of Bills, and delivery to the Superintendent of Public Printing, Extra Session, 1915.

## HOUSE BILLS.

Bill No.	Received	Enrolled	Examined	Signed by Presiding Officers	Delivered to Governor	Approved	Returned to Keeper of Rolls	Delivered to Public Printer
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10	Jan. 28	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 2	Feb. 2	Feb. 2	Feb. 2	Feb. 9
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145	March 13	March 17	March 17	March 17	March 18	March 18	March 19	March 19
146	March 13	March 13	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 17	March 17	March 19
147	March 13	March 13	March 15	March 15	March 15	March 17	March 17	March 19



## SENATE BILLS.

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11	March	15	March	17	March	18	March	18	March	19	March	19	March	19	March	19	March	19	March	19	March	19
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Signed by Speaker.....	487

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Passed Senate .....	469
Signed by Speaker.....	484

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### Contingent and Incidental Expenses.

*Statement of Disbursement of Contingent Fund, House of Delegates, Session 1914, after the Publication of the Journal for that Session.*

Balance unexpended as per Document A, Journal 1914.....		\$1,394 11
1914.		
May 27.	To paid C. A. Cole, janitor's services May, 1914.....	20 00
June 24.	To paid Hay T. Thornton, postmaster, P. O. box rent	2 00
June 24.	To paid W. W. Foster for framing group of members for hallway of Capitol and for prints for inaugural program .....	26 50
June 24.	To paid Eppes & Snider for loose leaf binder for enrolled bills .....	22 30
June 24.	To paid Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Com- pany, telephone for June.....	6 00
June 24.	To paid C. A. Cole, janitor's service for June, 1914..	20 00
June 24.	To paid Mrs. Geo. E. Williams for extra clerical help under resolution .....	24 00
June 24.	To paid W. C. Williams for copying list of enrolled bills for Journals and for copying index for en- rolled bills .....	15 00
July 17.	To paid C. A. Cole, janitor's service July, 1914.....	20 00
Aug. 7.	To paid Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Com- pany, telephone for July and August.....	12 00
Aug. 7.	To paid Broad Rock Mineral Springs Company for lithia water for office.....	1 66
Aug. 7.	To paid Victory Renovating Works for cleaning rugs	8 00
Aug. 7.	To paid Thos. B. Hicks & Sons for hacks for funeral of Hon. D. L. Toney.....	8 00
Aug. 10.	To paid J. H. Stack for fixing sash cord in office window .....	1 50
Aug. 15.	To paid H. R. Houston for telegrams, postage, etc., in reference to meeting of committee touching con- ference with Maryland in fishing in Chesapeake Bay .....	4 50
Aug. 15.	To paid Chamberlain Hotel for rooms, etc., for com- mittee of conference with Maryland in reference to fishing in Chesapeake Bay.....	12 68



Aug.	29.	To paid C. A. Cole, janitor's service August, 1914...	20 00
Sept.	26.	To paid C. A. Cole, janitor's service September, 1914	20 00
Sept.	28.	To paid Hay T. Thornton, postmaster, postoffice box rent .....	2 00
Sept.	28.	To paid Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Com- pany, telephone for September and October.....	12 00
Sept.	28.	To paid Fonticello Mineral Springs Co., Inc., for water	3 00
Oct.	21.	To paid H. R. Houston, miscellaneous expenses, tele- grams, long distance phone, stamps, stenographic service, etc., in reference to meeting held in Balti- more Sept. 12, 1914, touching conference with Maryland in fishing in Chesapeake Bay.....	10 40
Oct.	31.	To paid C. A. Cole, janitor's service October, 1914...	20 00
Nov.	20.	To paid Wm. S. Young, wreath for funeral of Hon. R. B. Hartley .....	10 00
Nov.	20.	To paid Broad Rock Mineral Springs Company for lithia water .....	1 66
Nov.	20.	To paid Hammond Company, wreath for funeral of H. B. Owen, reading clerk.....	10 00
Nov.	20.	To paid Thos. B. Hicks & Sons, carriages for funeral of H. B. Owen.....	4 00
Nov.	20.	To paid Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Com- pany, telephone November, 1914.....	6 00
Nov.	20.	To paid J. H. Stack, repairing window and table....	2 00
Nov.	20.	To paid Hay T. Thornton, postmaster, stamps.....	25 00
Nov.	20.	To paid C. A. Cole, janitor's service November, 1914.	20 00
Dec.	18.	To paid C. A. Cole, janitor's service December, 1914.	20 00
Dec.	18.	To paid J. H. Stack, work on desks in hall.....	10 00
Dec.	18.	To paid Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Com- pany, telephone for December, 1914.....	6 00
1915.			
Jan.	1.	To paid Hay T. Thornton, postmaster, postoffice box rent .....	2 00
Jan.	9.	To paid the Hammond Company for flowers for funeral of Senator Echols.....	10 35
Jan.	9.	To paid expenses of members of committee to funeral of Senator Edward Echols, as follows:	
		John W. Stephenson.....	8 25
		Chas. H. Rolston.....	3 20
		Hill Montague .....	13 40
		Hugh A. White.....	3 50
		Samuel M. Page.....	4 00
Jan.	12.	To paid Lohmann Lithographing Co. for lithograph- ing stationery for members House of Delegates, extra session, 1915.....	216 45
Jan.	18.	To paid following amounts on account of the attend- ance of the Finance Committee before the as- sembling of the extra session of 1915, said amounts paid under resolution of January 30, 1914, as	

directed by resolution of January 15, 1915, extra session, viz.:

	N. E. Spessard, seven days.....	58 33
	W. W. Baker, seven days.....	58 33
	R. L. Brewer, Jr., seven days.....	58 33
	Harry R. Houston, seven days .....	58 33
	D. H. Pitts, seven days.....	58 33
	O. L. Stearnes, seven days.....	58 33
	A. J. Terrell, seven days.....	58 33
	I. E. Spatig, seven days.....	58 33
	O. E. Jordan, seven days.....	58 33
	D. W. Owen, seven days.....	58 33
	R. T. Gregory, seven days.....	58 33
	J. H. C. Grasty, seven days.....	58 33
	M. H. Nelson, page, seven days.....	21 00
Jan. 18.	To paid Bell Book and Stationery Co. on account of stationery bill for extra session, 1915.....	5 80
Total.....		\$1,394 11

## STATEMENT.

*Contingent and Incidental Expenses. House of Delegates. Under Act Approved January 29, 1915, Under Resolution of House of Delegates. Agreed to January 30, 1915, for the Extra Session. Amount Appropriated \$5,000.*

1915.

Feb.	2.	To paid Thomas Morgan, page, for traveling 162 miles	\$ 16 20
Feb.	2.	To paid Thomas Morgan, page, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	63 00
Feb.	2.	To paid Henry Land, page, for traveling 120 miles..	12 00
Feb.	2.	To paid Henry Land, page, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	63 00
Feb.	2.	To paid Lucien Talley, page, for traveling 24 miles.	2 40
Feb.	2.	To paid Lucien Talley, page, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	63 00
Feb.	2.	To paid J. Irving O'Neill, page, for traveling 24 miles	2 40
Feb.	2.	To paid J. Irving O'Neill, page, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	63 00
Feb.	2.	To paid J. M. Blankenship, page, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	63 00
Feb.	2.	To paid M. H. Nelson, page, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	63 00
Feb.	2.	To paid Joseph Rye, page, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	63 00
Feb.	2.	To paid Richard Stephenson, page, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	63 00
Feb.	2.	To paid J. D. Davis, assistant to the doorkeeper, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.	63 00

Feb.	2.	To paid J. H. Sharp, gallery doorkeeper, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	84 00
Feb.	2.	To paid Chas. A. Cole, janitor, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	84 00
Feb.	2.	To paid Jas. W. Gibbons, assistant janitor, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	52 50
Feb.	2.	To paid L. M. Crump, assistant janitor, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive.....	52 50
Feb.	2.	To paid J. Sheppard Potts, joint committee clerk, for attendance three weeks to February 2, inclusive..	126 00
Feb.	2.	To paid O. E. Jordan for expenses attending funeral of John T. Loving, engrossing clerk, as per resolution agreed to January 19, 1915.....	16 00
Feb.	2.	To paid H. T. Garnett for expenses in attending funeral of John T. Loving, engrossing clerk, as per resolution agreed to January 19, 1915.....	20 25
Feb.	2.	To paid Chas. A. Cole, janitor, for cleaning hall House of Delegates prior to meeting of the extra session, ten days .....	40 00
Feb.	2.	To paid Hill Montague for attending Finance Committee before assembling of extra session, 1915, as per resolution January 15, 1915.....	58 33
Feb.	2.	To paid W. W. Beverley for attendance as clerk on the meeting of the Finance Committee before the assembling of extra session, 1915, as per resolution January 15, 1915.....	42 00
Feb.	4.	To paid Dr. S. T. A. Kent for expenses of House committee in attending the funeral of the late S. F. Clement, as per resolution February 2, 1915..	49 50
Feb.	5.	To paid Joseph B. Anderson for expenses to Richmond to address General Assembly on taxation, as per resolution agreed to January 13, 1915.....	11 50
Feb.	9.	To paid W. C. Williams, journal copyist, for attendance four weeks to Feb. 9, inclusive.....	168 00
Feb.	9.	To paid Thomas Morgan, page, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00
Feb.	9.	To paid Henry Land, page, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00
Feb.	9.	To paid Lucien Talley, page, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00
Feb.	9.	To paid J. Irving O'Neill, page, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00
Feb.	9.	To paid J. M. Blankenship, page, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00
Feb.	9.	To paid M. H. Nelson, page, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00
Feb.	9.	To paid Joseph Rye, page, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00



Feb.	9.	To paid Richard Stephenson, page, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00
Feb.	9.	To paid J. D. Davis, assistant to doorkeepers, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	21 00
Feb.	9.	To paid J. H. Sharp, gallery doorkeeper, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	28 00
Feb.	9.	To paid Chas. A. Cole, janitor, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	28 00
Feb.	9.	To paid Jas. W. Gibbons, assistant janitor, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	17 50
Feb.	9.	To paid L. M. Crump, assistant janitor, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive.....	17 50
Feb.	9.	To paid J. Sheppard Potts, joint committee clerk, for attendance one week to February 9, inclusive....	42 00
Feb.	9.	To paid M. L. Staples for making keys and repairing locks for House of Delegates.....	4 75
Feb.	12.	To paid W. C. Williams, journal copyist, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	18 00
Feb.	12.	To paid Thomas Morgan, page, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid Henry Land, page, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive .....	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid Lucien Talley, page, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid J. Irving O'Neill, page, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid J. M. Blankenship, page, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid M. H. Nelson, page, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid Joseph Rye, page, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid Richard Stephenson, page, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid J. D. Davis, assistant to doorkeepers, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive...	9 00
Feb.	12.	To paid J. H. Sharp, gallery doorkeeper, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	12 00
Feb.	12.	To paid Chas. A. Cole, janitor, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	12 00
Feb.	12.	To paid Jas. W. Gibbons, assistant janitor, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	7 50
Feb.	12.	To paid L. M. Crump, assistant janitor, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive.....	7 50
Feb.	12.	To paid J. Sheppard Potts, joint committee clerk, for attendance three days to February 12, inclusive	18 00
Feb.	13.	To paid the Bell Book and Stationery Company for books, ink, waste baskets, pencils and general supplies .....	72 80

Feb.	13.	To paid Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for telephone service for January, 1915....	6 00
Feb.	13.	To paid the Hammond Co., Inc., for wreath of flowers and carnations for funeral of S. F. Clement.....	12 00
Feb.	13.	To paid the Hammond Co., Inc., for wreath of flowers and carnations for funeral of John T. Lovings..	11 35
Feb.	13.	To paid the Hammond Co., Inc., for wreath of flowers for funeral of Mrs. Berkley D. Adams.....	10 30
Feb.	13.	To paid Fonticello Mineral Springs, Inc., for water, as per statement January 1, 1915.....	3 00
Feb.	13.	To paid F. S. Merrow for one set Underwood shock absorber .....	3 50
Feb.	13.	To paid Broad Rock Mineral Springs for water, as per statement December 31, 1914.....	1 00
Feb.	13.	To paid the E. B. Taylor Co. for brooms, soap, brushes and general supplies.....	36 52
Feb.	13.	To paid Everett Waddey Co. for 100 packages stationery for members House of Delegates.....	76 00
Feb.	13.	To paid Edgar M. Andrews for furnishing and installing shade and one dozen Mazda lamps.....	7 80
Feb.	13.	To paid B. W. Wilson Paper Co., Inc., for lot of blank paper .....	7 25
Feb.	13.	To paid Geo. W. Anderson & Sons for four yards rubber and tacks for House of Delegates.....	7 10
Feb.	13.	To paid the Western Union Telegraph Company for messages to committee appointed to attend funeral of Edward Echols, sent December 19, 1914.....	2 73
Feb.	18.	To paid Mrs. Robert Vincent for making copies of the fertilizer bill for the Finance Committee....	7 50
Feb.	26.	To paid Thomas Morgan for fourteen days' attendance as page to Legislative Committee.....	42 00
Feb.	26.	To paid M. H. Nelson for fourteen days' attendance as page to Legislative Committee.....	42 00
Feb.	26.	To paid W. C. Williams, one-half expense for stenographic work in reporting the school-book investigation provided by resolution agreed to January 16, 1915, and paid under order of chairman, as per resolution agreed to January 30, 1915.....	149 00
Mar.	9.	To paid P. C. Williams for extra work in comparing Journals .....	6 00
Mar.	9.	To paid Thomas Morgan for nine days' attendance as page to Legislative Committee.....	27 00
Mar.	9.	To paid M. H. Nelson for nine days' attendance as page to Legislative Committee.....	27 00
Mar.	9.	To paid Scott Paper Company, Philadelphia, Pa., for one lot sanitary towels for House toilet room....	8 63
Mar.	10.	To paid Chas. A. Cole, janitor, for janitor work during recess, fifteen days.....	60 00

Mar. 19.	To paid W. C. Williams, journal copyist, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	72 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Thomas Morgan, page, for traveling 162 miles and attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive	40 10
Mar. 19.	To paid Henry Land, page, for traveling 120 miles and attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive...	48 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Lucien Talley, page, for traveling 24 miles and attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive	38 40
Mar. 19.	To paid J. Irving O'Neill, page, for traveling 24 miles and attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive	38 40
Mar. 19.	To paid J. M. Blankenship, page, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	36 00
Mar. 19.	To paid M. H. Nelson, page, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	36 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Joseph Rye, page, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	36 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Richard Stephenson, page, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	36 00
Mar. 19.	To paid J. D. Davis, assistant to doorkeepers, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive....	48 00
Mar. 19.	To paid J. H. Sharp, gallery doorkeeper, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	48 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Chas. A. Cole, janitor, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	48 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Jas. W. Gibbons, assistant janitor, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	30 00
Mar. 19.	To paid L. M. Crump, assistant janitor, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive.....	30 00
Mar. 19.	To paid J. Sheppard Potts, joint committee clerk, for attendance twelve days to March 19, inclusive...	72 00
Mar. 19.	To paid S. Goddin, janitor in charge of flags, for extra compensation, as per resolution March 13, 1915..	10 00
Mar. 19.	To paid J. D. Davis, assistant to doorkeepers, for services, in pursuance of resolution agreed to March 12, 1915 .....	31 00
Mar. 19.	To paid F. P. Jones for extra compensation allowed three engineers under resolution agreed to March 13, 1915 .....	30 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Eppes & Snider for one full pigskin binder.	22 95
Mar. 19.	To paid Hill Directory Co., Inc., for one copy Richmond Directory, 1915, for the House of Delegates.	6 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Underwood Typewriter Co., Inc., for four typewriter ribbons .....	3 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Individual Drinking Cup Company for two office cup dispensers and two thousand health cups for House of Delegates.....	12 00
Mar. 19.	To paid the E. B. Taylor Co. for one paste jar and mop handle .....	45



Mar. 19.	To paid Everett Waddey Company for two boxes carbon and copy of Pollard's Biennial Code.....	9 75
Mar. 19.	To paid R. L. Blankenship, elevator conductor, for extra compensation, as per resolution agreed to March 19, 1915.....	10 00
Mar. 19.	To paid Edward Parrott, assistant elevator conductor, for extra compensation, as per resolution agreed to March 19, 1915.....	10 00
Mar. 19.	To paid H. T. Garnett, enrolling clerk, for two extra days during recess .....	12 00
Mar. 19.	To paid S. M. O'Bannon, disbursing clerk Auditor's office, for extra compensation, as agreed to March 19, 1915 .....	25 00
Mar. 19.	To paid D. C. Zollikoffer, disbursing clerk Treasurer's office, for extra compensation, as agreed to March 19, 1915 .....	25 00
Mar. 19.	To paid B. Fox for extra compensation allowed the three firemen under resolution agreed to March 19, 1915 .....	30 00
Mar. 19.	To paid W. C. Williams for services to Legislative Committee in recess, ten days.....	60 00
Mar. 19.	To paid balance unexpended to time Journal goes to print, the expenditure of which amount for contingent and incidental expenses of the House will be printed in the next Journal, as required by law..	1,502 35
Total.....		<hr/> \$5,000 00
Appropriation provided by act.....		<hr/> \$5,000 00

HOUSE DOCUMENT No. 1.

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# COMMUNICATION

TRANSMITTING THE

## Opinion of the Attorney General

ON THE QUESTION OF THE

## Constitutionality of the Franchise Tax

SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY  
THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
RICHMOND, *January 26, 1915.*

HON. E. P. COX,  
*Speaker House of Delegates, Richmond.*

DEAR SIR:

On January 22, 1915, I received from Hon. John W. Williams, Clerk of the House of Delegates, a copy of the following resolution:

"Whereas, the Joint Committee on Tax Revision, at pages 133 and 134 of their report, suggests that the franchise tax of one per cent. upon the gross earnings of railroads is of doubtful constitutionality under recent decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States; and

Whereas, the said committee recommends the repeal of this tax; and it becomes important for this House to be informed as to the legal status of this tax;

Therefore, be it resolved, That the Attorney General of Virginia be, and he is hereby requested to report to the House as promptly as he can whether in his opinion this tax is constitutional, giving the authorities upon which he bases his conclusion."

By reference to the report of the Joint Committee on Tax Revision, pp 133 and 134, we find a suggestion that the method prescribed by law in Vir

ginia for ascertaining the amount of the franchise tax of railway and canal corporations is unconstitutional. The method of ascertaining the amount of said tax is found in sections 177 and 178 of the Constitution of 1902, which read as follows:

"Sec. 177. Each such railway or canal corporation, including also any such as is exempt from taxation as to its works, visible property, or profits, shall also pay an annual State franchise tax equal to one per centum upon the gross receipts hereinafter specified in section one hundred and seventy-eight, for the privilege of exercising its franchises in this State, which, with the taxes provided for in section one hundred and seventy-six, shall be in lieu of all other taxes or license charges whatsoever upon the franchises of such corporation, the shares of stock issued by it, and upon its property assessed under section one hundred and seventy-six; provided, that nothing herein contained shall exempt such corporation from the annual fee required by section one hundred and fifty-seven of this Constitution, or from assessments for street and other public local improvements authorized by section one hundred and seventy; and provided further, that nothing herein contained shall annul or interfere with, or prevent any contract or agreement by ordinance between street railway corporations and municipalities, as to compensation for the use of the streets or alleys of such municipalities by such railway corporations."

"Sec. 178. The amount of such franchise tax shall be equal to one per centum of the gross transportation receipts of such corporations for the year ending June the thirtieth of each year, to be ascertained by the State Corporation Commission, in the following manner:

(a) When the road or canal of the corporation lies wholly within this State, the tax shall be equal to one per centum of the entire gross transportation receipts of such corporation.

(b) When the road or canal of the corporation lies partly within and partly without the State, or is operated as a part of a line or system extending beyond this State, the tax shall be equal to one per centum of the gross transportation receipts earned within this State, to be determined as follows: By ascertaining the average gross transportation receipts per mile over its whole extent within and without this State, and multiplying the result by the number of miles operated within this State; provided, that from the sum so ascertained there may be a reasonable deduction because of any excess of value of the terminal facilities or other similar advantages in other States over similar facilities or advantages in this State."

These provisions were enacted as a part of the Tax Bill. (Sec. 28, of Ch. 148, Acts 1902-3-4, p. 169; Va. Code 1904, p. 2205.)

As the statute is in words and figures almost a verbatim copy of the sections of the Constitution aforesaid, there can be no doubt but that the



statute itself complies with the Constitution of Virginia, and no question can be raised as to its validity under that Constitution.

It only remains to be considered, therefore, whether the statute is in contravention of any of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States. It is suggested in the aforesaid report of the Committee on Tax Revision that the statute (and, therefore, the constitutional provision) may be in contravention of the so-called commerce clause of the Federal Constitution, Article I, Sec. 8, Cls. 3, which grants power to Congress "to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several States and with the Indian tribes," and as will be found in the sequel, this opinion will be confined to that question.

It may be noted at the outset that the constitutionality of these provisions has never been questioned by the corporations themselves; for they have acquiesced therein for the past twelve years and have paid the franchise tax required thereby ever since the Constitution went into effect, amounting in 1914 to \$629,000, while the tax paid on property was \$402,000. (Report of Committee on Tax Revision, p. 129.)

It is a well established principle of constitutional law that a *court* will not declare a *statute* unconstitutional unless the nullity and invalidity are placed, in its judgment, beyond reasonable doubt. In such a case, to doubt is to affirm; and, therefore, every reasonable doubt must be solved in favor of the legislative action. This rule of construction would seem to apply with strong force in a case where the provisions of a State Constitution are attacked. *Butler vs. Pennsylvania*, 10 How. 402, 415, 13 L. ed. 472; *Plumlye vs. Massachusetts*, 155 U. S. 461, 479, 39 L. ed. 223.

While this rule is undoubtedly a guide for courts in construing statutes and constitutional provisions, and while a State Legislature will, as a matter of course, hesitate a long time before enacting a statute in the teeth of a provision in the Constitution of the State, section 181 of the Constitution specifically authorizes the Legislature, after the year 1913, to modify or change the method of assessment and taxation of railroad and canal corporations.

It is proper to get a clear analysis of the different taxes which may be assessed against railway and canal corporations under the laws of the State of Virginia.

An examination of sections 176, 177 and 178 of the Constitution of 1902, and of sections 27 and 28 of the Tax Bill will show that railway and canal corporations are taxed as follows:

(1) On real property and on tangible personal property, the tax is thirty-five cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value thereof, just as in the case of individuals and other corporations; and the said tax of thirty-five cents is distributed to the same purposes as in the case of individuals and other corporatinos.

(2) On intangible personal property (except money) the tax is thirty five cents on every hundred dollars of the assessed value thereof, as in the case of individuals and other corporations, and distributed in the same way, and the enumeration made under this head does not include the value

of the property in this State as a "going concern;" but the value of its "franchise" is specifically excluded.

(3) Under sections 177 and 178 of the Constitution of 1902, carried into section 28 of the Tax Bill, every railway or canal corporation is required to "pay to the State an annual State franchise tax equal to one per centum upon the gross transportation receipts \* \* \* for the privilege of exercising its franchises in this State;" which, with the property tax aforesaid, is declared to be "in lieu of all taxes or license charges whatsoever upon the franchises of such corporations and the shares of stock issued by it. \* \* \*"

The method of ascertaining said amount is laid down in the provisions of the Constitution quoted above.

The first time the question of the taxation by a State of receipts of corporations from interstate commerce ever came before the Supreme Court of the United States was in the year 1872. In the case of *State Tax on Railway Gross Receipts*, 15 Wall. 284, 21 L. ed. 164, the court upheld a tax on the gross receipts of railroads, including receipts from interstate commerce. The ground upon which the tax was sustained was that the tax was upon a fund which had become the property of the company and had become mingled with its other property. This case, which was decided by a majority of six to three, was disapproved and its reasoning declared unsound in *Phila. & S. S. Co. vs. Pennsylvania*, 122 U. S., 30 L. ed. 1200. In this latter case, the court construed a statute taxing all corporations engaged in transportation and doing business in Pennsylvania, whether resident or non-resident, directly on their gross receipts, requiring them to "pay to the State treasury, for the use of the Commonwealth, a tax of 8-10 of one per centum upon the gross receipts of such company for tolls and transportation, telegraph business or express business." The case before the court was that of a domestic company engaged in interstate traffic. The court held the statute unconstitutional, and in abandoning the position taken in *State tax on railway gross receipts*, said:

"It would seem to be rather metaphysics than plain logic for the State officials to say to the company, 'We will not tax you for the transportation you perform, but we will tax you for what you get for performing it. Such a position can hardly be said to be based on a sound method of reasoning.'"

It was claimed in *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Railway*, 142 U. S. 217, that the latter case overruled the former, but the majority opinion expressly affirmed and distinguished that case.

By an examination of the Debates of the Constitutional Convention, vol. 2, pp. 2670, 2671, we learn that the provisions of the Constitution of 1902, quoted above, imposing an annual State franchise tax upon railway and canal corporations, were taken from the Maine statute, which was construed in *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Railway*, 142 U. S. 217, 35 L. ed. 994. Said statute, passed in 1881, declared that every corporation, person, or association operating a railroad in the State should pay to the State treasurer for the use of the State an annual excise tax for the privilege of exercising its fran-

chises in the State, and it provided that the amount of such tax should be ascertained as follows:

"The amount of the gross transportation receipts, as returned to the railroad commissioners for the year ending the thirtieth of September next preceding the levy of such tax, shall be divided by the number of miles of railroad operated to ascertain the average gross receipts per mile; when such average receipts per mile shall not exceed twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, the tax shall be equal to one-fourth of one per cent. of the gross transportation receipts; when the average receipts per mile exceed twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars and do not exceed three thousand dollars, the tax shall be equal to one-half of one per cent. of the gross receipts, and so on, increasing the rate of tax one-fourth of one per cent. for each additional seven hundred and fifty dollars of average gross receipts per mile, or fractional part thereof; provided, the rate shall in no event exceed three and one-fourth per centum. When a railroad lies partly within and partly without the State, or is operated as a part of a line or system extending beyond the tax shall be equal to the same proportion of the receipts in this State as herein provided and its amount determined as follows: The gross transportation receipts of such railroad line or system, as the case may be, over its whole extent within and without the State, shall be divided by the total number of miles operated to obtain the average gross receipts per mile, and the gross receipts in this State shall be taken to be the gross receipts per mile multiplied by the number of miles operated within this State."

In that case, the defendant was a corporation, created under the laws of Canada, having its principal place of business at Montreal, and operated a railroad within the State of Maine, under a charter from that State, from the city of Portland to the boundary of the State line. Return was made, as provided by law, of the gross transportation receipts over its road (149 1-2 miles in length, including 89 1-2 miles in the State of Maine), and upon this return a tax was assessed pursuant to the statute set out above. As the road failed to pay said tax, an action was brought by the State to recover the tax for the years 1881 and 1882. The railroad defended the action on the ground that the tax imposed under the statute was invalid, because the statute was in conflict with the commerce clause of the Constitution of the United States. The court upheld the constitutionality of the statute in a majority opinion of five to four, Mr. Justice Field delivering the majority opinion, Mr. Justice Bradley, with whom Justices Harlan, Lamar and Brown concurred, delivering the minority opinion.

The only difference between the Maine statute and our constitutional provisions are—first, that in the Maine statute the percentage of gross receipts charged varies according to the average receipts per mile from one-fourth of one per cent. of the gross receipts to three and one-fourth per cent. thereof, whereas under the Virginia Constitution a flat rate of one



per centum upon gross receipts is fixed; second, in the case of a road or canal lying partly within and partly without the State, the Virginia constitutional provision requires that from the sum ascertained as the gross transportation receipts earned within this State there may be deducted a reasonable sum because of any excess of value of the terminal facilities or other similar advantages in other States over similar advantages or facilities in this State; third, the Maine statute in addition provides that the buildings of a railroad and its lands and fixtures outside of its right of way shall be subject to taxation in the several cities and towns in which they are situated, just as other property therein is taxed; and it is further provided that the excise or franchise tax, together with the local tax aforesaid, shall be in lieu of all taxes upon such railroad, its property and stock. Thus the Maine plan or system of taxation of railway corporations differs from ours also in this, that we have *state* and *local* taxation of *all* the *real* and *personal* property of railroads, except their franchises, and our franchise tax may be called an attempt to commute value of the franchise alone; while the Maine system has *local* taxation of the lands and fixtures of railroads outside of the right of way, and their franchise or excise tax is an attempt to commute the value of its franchise and of its other real and personal property not locally taxed. That the franchise of a corporation is a thing of value, that is usually considered personal property and subject to separate State taxation, is made clear by the language of Mr. Justice Field in *Horne Silver Mining Co. vs. New York*, 143 U. S. 305, 315. Also, as we have seen, our Constitution specifically excepts the franchise of a railway corporation from the enumeration of property subject to State and local taxation.

Thus, it seems clear that the Virginia plan is as fair to the corporations as the plan in the Maine statute; and if the case of *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Railway* still remains as the guide to the court, the validity of the Virginia constitutional provisions and statute must be upheld, unless in its application and in relation to other taxes it be found as a matter of fact that the tax constitutes a burden on interstate commerce.

The Maine case has been many times cited with approval by the Supreme Court of the United States. In *Baltic Mining Co. vs. Massachusetts*, 231 U. S. 68, 58 L. ed. 127, we find:

"It is commerce itself which must not be burdened by State exactions which interfere with the exclusive Federal authority over it. A resort to the receipts of property or capital employed in part at least in interstate commerce, when such receipts or capital are not taxed as such but are taken as a mere measure of a tax of lawful authority within the State, has been maintained. *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Rwy.* \* \* \*"

In *U. S. Express Co. vs. Minnesota*, 223 U. S. 335, 343, 56 L. ed. 459, the court said:

"In *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Rwy.* this court sustained a tax which required every railroad operated within the State to pay

an annual tax for the privilege of exercising its franchises therein, determined upon a proportion of gross transportation receipts, which in that case was shown to be those of a railroad partly within and partly without the State, such gross receipts being derived from its entire business, State and interstate. The resort to gross receipts, in the opinion of the court, was merely a means of ascertaining the business done by the corporation, and thus measuring the tax which was held to be within the power of the State."

For other cases explaining in the same manner and approving *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Railway*, see:

- Ewing vs. Leavenworth*, 226 U. S. 464, 469, 57 L. ed. 303;
- Oklahoma vs. Wells Fargo Co.*, 223 U. S. 298, 301, 56 L. ed. 445;
- Flint vs. Stone Tracy Co.*, 220 U. S. 108, 165;
- Mich. Central vs. Powers*, 201 U. S. 245, 296;
- Hanley vs. Kansas City Co.*, 187 U. S. 617, 621;
- Pittsburgh Rwy. vs. Backus*, 154 U. S. 421, 431.

But in *Galveston H. & S. A. R. Co. vs. Texas*, 210 U. S. 217, 52 L. ed. 1031, the Supreme Court of the United States, on appeal from a State court, considered the constitutionality, under the commerce clause, of a statute of Texas imposing a tax upon railroad corporations and other persons owning or controlling a line of railroad in that State equal to one per cent. of their gross receipts. Section 1 of said statute imposed upon such railroads "an annual tax for the year 1905 and for each calendar year thereafter equal to one per centum of its gross receipts if such line of railroad lies wholly within the State." In that case, the lines of the railroads concerned were wholly within the State; but they connected with other lines, and in some instances much the larger part of their gross receipts was derived from the carriage of passengers or freight coming from, or destined to, points without the State of Texas. It was contended for the State that the case of *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Railway*, *supra*, controlled the case at bar, and for that railroads that the case of *Phila. & S. Mail S. S. Co. vs. Pennsylvania*, 122 U. S. 326, 30 L. ed. 1200, contained the proper rule to govern the case. As in the *Maine* case, so here the court was divided, the ratio being five to four. The majority, through Mr. Justice Holmes, affirmed the *Pennsylvania* case as unshaken and as stating established law; and then went on to hold that the Texas statute did amount to an attempt to regulate commerce among the States; and was, therefore, unconstitutional. The court, in commenting upon the decision in *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Railway*, *supra*, said (p. 226):

"In *Maine vs. Grand Trunk R. Co.*, *supra*, an annual excise tax for the privilege of exercising its franchise was levied upon every one operating a railroad in the State, fixed by percentages, varying up to a certain limit, upon the average gross receipts per mile, multiplied by the number of miles within the State when the road ex-

tended outside. This, at first sight, looked like a reaction from the Philadelphia & Southern Mail Steamship Co. case. But it may not have been. The estimated gross receipts per mile may be said to have been made a measure of the value of the property per mile. That the effort of the State was to reach that value and not to fasten on the receipts from transportation as such was shown by the fact that the scheme of the statute was to establish a system. The buildings of the railroad and its land and fixtures outside of its right of way were to be taxed locally as other property was taxed and this excise, with the local tax, were to be in lieu of all taxes. The language shows that the local tax was not expected to include the additional value gained by the property being part of a going concern. That idea came in later. The excise was an attempt to reach that additional value. The tow taxes together fairly may be called a commutation tax," citing *Ficklin vs. Taxing District*, 145 U. S. 1, 23, 36 L. ed. 601, 607; *Postal Tel. Cable Co. vs. Adams*, 155 U. S. 688, 697, 39 L. ed. 311, 316 and other cases.

The court then goes on to say that it matters not by what name the exaction may be called, if it amounts to no more than the ordinary tax upon property, or a just equivalent therefor, ascertained by reference thereto, it was not inconsistent with the Constitution, and that the State should be allowed to tax the property *at its actual value as a going concern*, but would not be allowed to tax an interstate business. The court seems to hold that the whole scheme of State taxation must be taken into account; and that if, considering the whole scheme of taxation, the excise or privilege tax, together with the property tax, amounts to no more than ordinary taxes upon the railway property in the State as a *going concern*, it will not be inconsistent with the Constitution, but that if, considering the whole scheme, the tax amounts to more than a tax upon the property as a going concern, if the legislative scheme is not simply to value property but to reach receipts from interstate commerce, then it would bear upon that commerce so directly as to amount to a regulation "in a relatively immediate way."

In *Meyer vs. Wells Fargo Co.*, 223 U. S. 297, 76 L. ed. 445, the court considered an act of Oklahoma providing for the levy and collection of a gross revenue tax upon public service corporations in that State. The said statute provided as follows:

"Every corporation hereinafter named shall pay the State a gross revenue tax which shall be in addition to the taxes levied and collected upon an ad valorem basis upon the property and assets of such corporation, equal to the per centum of the gross receipts hereinafter provided for, if such public service corporation operate wholly within the State; and if such public service corporation operate partly within and partly without the State, it shall pay tax equal to such proportion of said per centum of its gross receipts as the portion of its business done within the State bears to the whole of its business," with a proviso for fixing a dif-



ferent proportion if it "more fairly represents the proportion which the gross receipts of any such public service corporation for any year within this State bear to its total gross receipts."

The tax laid upon express companies was three per cent. of their gross receipts.

It was claimed by the express company that the statute was unconstitutional as a regulation of commerce among the States; and in sustaining this position, the court said that the statute in question was "so similar to the Texas statute held bad in *Galveston H. & S. A. R. Co.*, 210 U. S. 217, 52 L. ed. 1031, as to show that if one is not copied from the other, they have a common source. It would be possible only by some extraordinary turn of ingenuity to sustain this after condemning that."

It is to be noted that the statute laying the tax expressly provided that it should be in addition to the tax levied and collected upon an ad valorem basis upon the property and assets of such corporation.

After holding that the tax was not a property tax, the court said that as all the property and assets were subject to ad valorem taxes, therefore, "this tax cannot be an attempt to reach the value of what is by the law to be valued and taxed in a different way." It would be difficult to apply to a tax levied in these days the explanation of *Maine vs. Grand Trunk R. Co.*, 142 U. S. 217, given in *Galveston H. & S. A. R. Co.*, 210 U. S. 217, 226; *Flint vs. Stone Tracy Co.*, 220 U. S. 217, 226, and to suppose it intended to reach only the additional value given by its being a part of a going concern to property already taxed in its separate items. There is nothing sufficient to indicate such a limitation, and for the reasons given above, on the authority of *Fargo vs. Hart*, 193 U. S. 490, 48 L. ed. 761, it is plain that the gross receipts from all sources could not have been used as a means for estimating the going value of the property in the State. In *Fargo vs. Hart*, 193 U. S. 490, 48 L. ed. 761, the court held that personal property owned by a non-resident express company and situated outside of the State could not have been taken into account in fixing the value for taxation of its property within the State on the theory that the possession of such property by the company gave it a better credit and thus a better opportunity to obtain business; and, as seen above, this is the case which Mr. Justice Holmes refers to as the basis for the decision in the Oklahoma case.

In *United States vs. Minnesota*, 223 U. S. 335, 56 L. ed. 459, the court upheld the constitutionality of a statute requiring express companies to file a statement showing the entire receipts, including all sums earned or charged, whether received or not, for business done within the State, including its proportion of gross receipts for business done in the State by such company in connection with other companies, and authorizing the auditor to assess upon each express company a tax of six per cent. upon its gross receipts for business done in the State for the preceding calendar year which should be in lieu of all taxes upon its property. The action was brought by the State of Minnesota to recover certain items which it was claimed were omitted from the returns of the express company and which were properly the subject of taxation under the statute. It was contended

for the express company that the assessment of taxes upon its earnings from shipments by a consignor in the State of Minnesota to a legitimate consignee within the State, which shipments were forwarded by the express company between the points of origin and destination over railroads partly within and partly without the State of Minnesota, was unconstitutional in that it was an attempt of the State to regulate interstate commerce. It was held in the State court that nine per cent. of the tax claimed on this class of earnings should be deducted from the amount of the recovery allowed in the court of original jurisdiction, since it was disclosed that only ninety-one per cent. of the mileage was within the State of Minnesota. This decision of the State court was sustained by the court, merely referring to *Lehigh Valley R. R. Co. vs. Pennsylvania*, 145 U. S. 192, 36 L. ed. 672.

It was held in the State court that it was the intention of the Legislature in the statute under consideration to include the earnings from transportation from points within the State to points without the State, also from transportation from points without the State to points within the State, and also from points without the State to points without the State passing through the State, and it was contended that as this was clearly interstate commerce, the tax was a burden upon interstate commerce, and, therefore, an infraction of the exclusive power of Congress to regulate commerce among the States. Mr. Justice Day, in delivering the opinion of the court sustaining the validity of the statute, said:

"It is thoroughly well settled in this court that State laws may not burden interstate commerce. As one form of burden may exist in taxing the conduct of interstate commerce, such taxation has been uniformly condemned. Examples of that character may be found in *Fargo vs. Michigan*, 121 U. S. 230; *Philadelphia & S. S. Co. vs. Pennsylvania*, 122 U. S. 326; *Ratterman vs. Western Union Tel. Co.*, 127 U. S. 411; *Leloup vs. Mobile*, 127 U. S. 640; *Western Union Telg. Co. vs. Pennsylvania*, 128 U. S. 39; *Western Union Telg. Co. vs. Alabama*, 132 U. S. 472; *Galveston H. & S. A. Ry. Co. vs. Texas*, 210 U. S. 217.

"While we have no disposition to detract from the authority of these decisions, this court has had also to consider and determine the effect of statutes *which undertake to measure a tax within the legitimate power of the State by receipts which came in part from business of an interstate character*. In that class of cases a distinction was drawn between laws burdening interstate commerce, and laws where the measure of a legitimate tax consists in part of the avails or income from the conduct of such commerce.

"In *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 142 U. S. 217, this court sustained a tax which required every railroad operated within the State to pay an annual tax for the privilege of exercising its franchises therein, determined upon a proportion of gross transportation receipts, which in that case were shown to be those of a railroad partly within and partly without the State, such gross receipts being derived from its entire business, State and interstate. *The*

*resort to gross receipts, in the opinion of the court, was merely a means of ascertaining the business done by the corporation, and thus measuring the tax, which was held to be within the power of the State. \* \* \**

"A question in principle not unlike the one here presented came before this court in *Flint vs. Stone Tracy Co.*, 220 U. S. 107. In that case it was contended that the income of the corporations sought to be taxed under the Federal law included, as to many of the companies, large investments in municipal bonds and other securities beyond the Federal power of taxation. It was held, after a review of some of the previous cases in this court, that, where the tax was within the legitimate authority of the Federal government, it might be *measured, in part, by the income from property not in itself taxable*, and the distinction was undertaken to be pointed out between an attempt to tax property beyond the reach of the taxing power and to measure a legitimate tax by income derived in part at least from the use of such property. *Stone vs. Tracy*, *supra*, 162, 3, 4 and 5."

In *Flint vs. Stone Tracy Co.*, 220 U. S. 106, the court had under consideration the Corporation Tax, imposed by Congress in Tariff Act of 1906. In answering the contention that as some of the corporations had large investments in municipal bonds and other non-taxable securities, therefore the selection of the measure of income from all sources was void, the court again distinguished the Texas case from the Maine case. Said Mr. Justice Day, delivering the opinion of the court (p. 163):

"There is nothing in these cases (*Galveston H. & S. A. R. Co. vs. Texas* and *Western Union Telg. Co. vs. Kansas*, 216 U. S. 1) contrary, as we shall have occasion to see, to the former rulings of this court, which hold that where a tax is lawfully imposed upon the exercise of privileges within the taxing power of the State or Nation, the measure of such tax may be the income from the property of the corporation, *although a part of such income is derived from property in itself non-taxable*. The distinction lies between the attempt to tax the property as such and to measure a legitimate tax upon the privilege involved in the use of property."

And again, at p. 165, the court says:

"It is therefore well settled by the decisions of this court that when the sovereign authority has exercised the right to tax a legitimate subject of taxation as an exercise of a franchise or privilege, it is no objection that the measure of taxation is found in the income produced in part from property which of itself considered is non-taxable. Applying that doctrine to this case, the measure of taxation being the income of the corporation from all sources, as that is but the measure of a privilege tax within the lawful author-



ity of Congress to impose, it is no valid objection that this measure includes, in part at least, property which as such could not be directly taxed. See in this connection *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 142 U. S. 217 as interpreted in *Galveston H. & S. A. R. Co. vs. Texas*, 210 U. S. 217, 226."

From these cases, it is possible to make certain clear deductions:

1. The State may tax a railway corporation engaged in interstate commerce; and, in establishing its scheme of taxation, the State may tax such a corporation's property independently of any value it may have "as a going concern," and, in addition, may take into account the value of its property as a going concern; or, as stated by Mr. Justice Holmes, it may tax such property, not merely as a congeries of unrelated items, but in its organic relations, taking into account the augmentation of its value from the commerce in which it is engaged.

2. If the scheme of taxation is a method of ascertaining or commuting this value, and is not an attempt to reach and tax as such receipts from interstate commerce, then the scheme will not be held contrary to the commerce clause of the Federal Constitution.

3. In the Maine case, the court sustained a scheme of taxation which included (a) local taxation of part of the real estate and fixtures of a railroad, (b) a franchise tax varying from one quarter of one per cent. to three and one quarter per cent. on gross receipts from interstate and intrastate commerce earned within the State as a commutation of the value of the property not subject to taxation and also of the value of its property "as a going concern" not reached by the other taxes thereon.

4. In the Texas case the court declared invalid a scheme of taxation which included therein a direct tax of one per cent. upon receipts from interstate and intrastate commerce earned within the State, and, in addition, provided for a tax upon the railroad's property as a going concern, thus in effect taking the receipts from interstate commerce into account twice. Examining the brief of counsel for the railroads in the Texas case, we find that the property of the railroads had been assessed, equalized and taxed, and that the companies had paid *ad valorem* taxes to the State, counties, municipalities and school districts, or to quote (p. 165): "Here the State first taxes the property at the same *ad valorem* rate as other property, real and personal, in the State; proceeding further, it taxes the franchise of the corporation owning the property; it then taxes, under the guise of an occupation tax, the passenger receipts from passenger travel wholly within the State at the rate of one per cent. on the gross receipts of the corporation, thus again taxing the product of the same property that had already paid its full quota of *ad valorem* taxation."

5. In the Oklahoma case the court declared invalid a scheme of taxation which included (a) an *ad valorem* tax upon the *property* and *assets* of the express company (which would include the value of its franchise), and, in addition, included (b) a tax of one per cent. upon gross receipts from interstate and intrastate commerce.

6. In the Minnesota case the court upheld the validity of a tax upon

an express company of six per cent. upon its receipts from all sources, including both interstate and intrastate commerce, which was in lieu of all taxes, upon the theory that such a tax was a fair commutation of the taxes upon its property as a going concern.

7. Any system of State taxation of a railroad property will be held invalid which is not a fair commutation of its value as a going concern, upon the ground that any taxation in excess of its value as a going concern is a burden upon its interstate commerce.

From these deductions, it is clear that the case of *Maine vs. Grand Trunk R. Co.* has not been overruled, but that on the contrary it has been expressly approved and its principles extended. While it is true that Mr. Justice Holmes, in *Oklahoma vs. Wells Fargo Co.*, 223 U. S. 298, does seem to criticise and throw doubt upon the decision of the *Maine* case in the following language: "It would be difficult to apply to a tax levied in these days the explanation of *Maine vs. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 142 U. S. 217, given in *Galveston H. & S. A. R. Co. vs. Texas*, 210 U. S. 217, 226; *Flint vs. Stone Tracy Co.*, 220 U. S. 107, 162, 165, and to suppose it intended to reach only the additional value given by its being part of a going concern to property already taxed in its separate items," it is a truly remarkable fact that on the day on which Mr. Justice Holmes handed down the opinion in the *Oklahoma* case, Mr. Justice Day handed down the unanimous opinion of the court in *U. S. Express Co. vs. Minnesota*, 223 U. S. 335, doing just what Mr. Justice Holmes said it was impossible to do, to-wit, applying to a tax levied by the State of Minnesota taxing express companies on gross receipts, the same explanation of the *Maine* case which had been applied in the *Texas* case and in the corporation tax case of 1906, and distinguishing the *Maine* case and reaffirming the *Maine* case and the corporation tax case.

The question, therefore, for decision is whether, under the whole scheme of taxation upon railway and canal corporations in Virginia, the privilege tax imposed by sections 177 and 178 of the Constitution, together with the property tax, amounts to more than a tax upon the property of such corporations as going concerns; or, to state it in another way, whether the scheme has been devised not simply to value property, but to reach receipts from interstate commerce. In the *Texas* case, the court said that they rather inferred, from the judgment of the State court and from the argument on behalf of the State, that another and distinct State tax on the property of the railroad was upon a valuation of that property taken as a going concern. Therefore it is essential to determine whether there is any other tax in Virginia upon the valuation of railway and canal corporations taken as "going concerns," and, if not, then to determine whether this tax is so burdensome as to reach interstate receipts.

As we have already seen, the scheme of taxation of railway and canal corporations in Virginia embraces—first, a tax upon their real property; second, a tax upon their tangible personal property; third, a tax upon their intangible personal property (and in all of these cases the same tax is prescribed as in the case of individuals or other corporations, and this enumeration does not include, but in terms excludes, the value of the franchise); fourth, the tax prescribed by sections 177 and 178 of the Constitution, called

a franchise tax, the method of ascertaining which has already been described; and it is to be particularly noted in this connection that the Constitution, in section 177, specifically provides that the aforesaid taxes "shall be in lieu of all other taxes or license charges whatsoever upon the franchises of such corporation and shares of stock issued by it, and upon its property assessed under section 176," with certain provisos not pertinent here; and it is further laid down in section 176 that no tax shall be laid upon the net incomes of such corporations.

Bearing in mind, therefore, these limitations, it seems clear that it was the *intention* of the makers of the Constitution of 1902 to reach the value of the railway and canal property in this State as "going concerns" in the method prescribed by sections 177 and 178, and to prevent their taxation, in any other way, as going concerns; and an examination of our statutes discloses the fact that there is no other tax imposed by our law upon the valuation of railway and canal corporations as "going concerns."

It only remains to be considered, therefore, whether the franchise tax of one per cent. upon the gross receipts of such corporations, earned in this State, is a burden upon interstate commerce, or to state the question in another way, whether this tax, with the property tax, is more than a fair tax upon the property of such corporations as going concerns.

It is submitted that so far as its *form* is concerned this tax is not more burdensome than the statute approved in the Maine case; and that our plan carefully avoids the defects disapproved by the court in the Texas and Oklahoma statutes. But a law may be perfect in form and yet, in its *application*, may be unconstitutional. Therefore, it is impossible to give a categorical answer to the question as to whether, in its *application*, our statute is burdensome upon the interstate commerce of these corporations. This is a question of fact which, in a particular case, will depend upon the facts and circumstances of that case. Some information as to this subject is given in the report of the Committee on Tax Revision, ch. IV, pp. 128-152. It is entirely conceivable and possible that a tax of one per cent. on gross receipts, together with the tax on property, might in the case of one railway corporation operate as a burden on its interstate commerce, whereas in the case of another it might not affect receipts from that commerce. As said above, this is a question of fact and not of law, and, as such, cannot be decided in a hypothetical case, such as is here presented.

Hardly sufficient time has been at my disposal to consider, as it should be considered, a question of such great moment to the State, involving, as it does, the validity of a tax by which the State realizes the sum of over \$600,000.00 annually. My investigations have been sufficient, however, to lead me to the conclusion that if the Legislature deems it wise to substitute another plan for the one now in operation it should do so only after mature deliberation and the examination of all the precedents, in order to be certain that any proposed new plan is in accordance with all of the provisions of the Federal Constitution, as interpreted and applied by the court of last resort.

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